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approach, and passed two highly controversial resolutions.

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In view of the lark of progress to meet British demands at the Dublin summit. Britain should immediately cease paying all EEC taxes, stop ministers attending EEC meetings, and decide to undertake a study of the oil sanctions surrounding Southern odesia from 1969. He also said that there were to prepare alternatives for be no further investigations into these matters.

Bitter exchanges in House after ruling

amentary Correspondent

gry and bitter exchanges wed the announcement in wed the announcement in commons yesterday by Sir-ael Havers, QC, the Attor-General, that there are to) prosecutions and no furinvestigations and no fur-investigations as a result e Bingham report relating reaches of the sanctions allowing oil and per-m to reach Southern esia from 1969 onwards.

vas soon clear that the disand consternation over lecision was felt by many rvative MPs as well as by abour and Liberal benches. seatedly, Sir Michael emred that the decision was ne taken by the Govern-The conclusion that furinvestigations and public diture would not be justind that the matter should ad no further was taken a Director of Public Proous and he, the Attorney

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COURTS. David Steel, Leader of beral Party, took up the us was an extraordinary sort, he said. The imn left by Sir Michael hat justice and truth commodities we could get afford. The whole reflected hadly on the effected badly on the il and business ethics of names and could not be d to drop because of echnicalities.

the Government i that they should close, who on the whole sorry subject, said Mr Steel, then that should be declared as a political rather than a legal

decision.

Mr Gordon Wilson, for the Scottish National Party, said that coming on the heels of the Blunt affeir, it must now be believed that it Mr Nixon had been head of State in the United Kingdom, sheltered by the establishment, he would have got off scot free.

Mr Robert Hughes, (Labour, Aberdeen North) added that Sir Michael had made clear that under British law the bigger the crime the greater the chance of getting off.

of getting off. Another Labour MP, Mr. hilip Whitehead, suggested

Another Labour MP. Mr. Philip Whitehead, suggested that the public would draw the lesson that anyone accused of conspiracy would be all right as long as he had 20,000 files and could be guaranteed to occupy a jury for a year.

From the Labour Front Bench Mr. Peter. Shore, Opposition Foreign Affairs spokesman, felt that the House and country could not accept the statement as being a fitting end to what had been a disgraceful and damaging affair for the reputation of this country. He suggested that there should be a joint special committee of the joint special committee of the House to investigate the matter

would be difficult

senior officers of Shell and BP. The outcome of those meetings, he said, appeared to have been interpreted by the oil commierpreted by the oil com-panies, rightly or wrongly, as giving them tacit if not express approval to operate what was known as the "exchange", scheme whereby oil and petroleum reached Southern

Rhodesia. He fold the House that because of the large amount of time and public money likely to be involved in analysing the mass of papers and material relating to the case the DPP had asked counsel for further

an opinion running to about 50 pages advised the Director of the great difficulties in the way of a successful prosecution. It was pointed out that the material disclosed by the Bingham investigation was wholly insufficient for the purposes of a criminal trial. Direct evidence by witnesses or from proved documents would be needed.

The question which arose in The question which arose in an acute form, the Attorney General said, was whether it could be proved in British courts which companies had made the supplies of oil and who among the officers or employees of the companies were knowing parties to that supply.

It would be necessary, also to determine whether these supplies were made in contravention of the alleged under-standing with the Government. Sir Michael said that another difficulty was that there was no power to compel the attendance of witnesses from abroad and many of the companies and their officials were subject to the laws of states deeply hostile to the sanctions policy.

National executive overrides Mr Callaghan and votes to cease paying Community taxes immediately

Labour Party demands study of British withdrawal from EEC

By George Clark
Political Correspondent
Rouning true to form, the
left-dominated national executive of the Labour Party yesterday spurged the advice of Mr
James Callaghan and others
who wanted a more diplomatic
approach, and passed two highly
controversial resolutions.

cerned the infringement of civil liberties through a misuse by employers of industrial discipline with specific reference to British Leyland.

On the first resolution two pro-Europeans, Mrs Shirley Williams, the former MP for Hertford and Stevenage, and Mr Tom Bradley, MP, for Leicester, East, wanted a reference back. Mrs Williams argued that a decision approving the resolution would be misunderstood by socialist colleagues in Europe.

Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Liverpool, Walton, countered by pool, Walton, countered by saying that he was not anti-European or chavonist, but it was essential that Britain should study the options that were

Supporting this view, Mr Douglas Hoyle, formerly MP for Nelson and Colne, said there had to be an alternative course. Britain could behave as the Prench had done in the past, and let the rest of the community know that we meant what we said. "Mrs Thatcher led her troops to the top of the hill at Dublic and promptly beat a retreat and brought them down again", he

Mr Callaghan said there was a danger of the party fighting old battles all over again. He was obviously referring to the suggestion that Britain should consider pulling out of the EEC. On this issue, he attacked the

presentation of the party's policy on the EEC in the last party political broadcast. "That did not coincide with my

wiews", he said.

The real battlefront had moved on. The executive ought not to pass the resolution; it was more important to consider what was going to happen in Europe in the next 10 years. He mentioned the future of steel and coal production, and the probability of Greece. Spain and Portugal joining the Community. Their entry would lead to the EEC developing into a free trade area and it would fail as a political organization.

When the vote came, the reference back was defeated by 14 votes to seven, and the resolution was carried. ion was carried.

appeal from Sir John Boyd, general secretary of the Amalgeneral secretary of the Antal-gamated Union of Engineering. Workers, for the party not to interfere in an industrial dis-pute, the executive passed by 11 rotes to nine a resolution stating: This NEC will stating: "This NEC will strongly oppose any infringe-ment of civil liberties through misuse by employers of indus-trial discipline and will give full support to all efforts to resist attempts by this Tory Government to break down Government to break down trade union organization and be-lieres that the only way to save British Leyland is through

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a long-term government commitment to a new model
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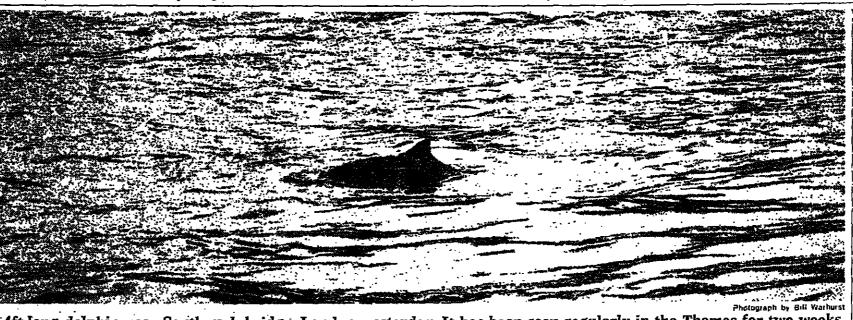
This wording, summarizing
a longer version that had come
from the Home Policy sub-com-

mittee, was drawn up by Mr Callaghan, but did not include ard. Mr Callaghan said that the NEC should heed the advice of NEC should need the advice of sir John Boyd, and keep out of the dispute.

But Mr Heffer. Mr Frank Allaun. MP for Salford, East, and other left-wingers wanted an addendum stating: "It (the NEC) notes that the AUEW is

notes that the ACEV is conducting a full investigation into the case of Derek Robinson and is satisfied that the fullest consideration will be given by the AUEV executive council to his reinstatement and hopes that Derek Robinson will be reinstated."
Mr Gerry Russell, of the AUEW, who is chairman of the

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A 4ft-long dolphin near Southwark bridge, London, yesterday. It has been seen regularly in the Thames for two weeks.

From David Blake Paris, Dec 19

The western industrial year faces a bleak start to the 1980s, with unemployment next year rising by 3.5 million as output stagnates and inflation rises, according to the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development The OECD calculates that the

oil price increases already announced this year and likely to emerge from the Caracas meeting of Opec, will bit western economies as hard or eyen harder than the quadrupling of oil prices in 1973. Britain is expected to bear

the sharpest brunt of next year's recession, with unemploy ment climbing by nearly 400,000 by the end of next year. The OECD forecasts for Britain are generally similar to those recently published by the Government, but the OECD is more optimistic about our balance of payments than the Government is, predicting a small surplus next year instead of the £2,000m deficit in the

updating forecasts contained in the latest edition of its Economic Outlook, published today, after considering the likely results of the Opec meeting in Caracas. The extra oil price increases in any case.

Treasury's forecast.

Economists at the OECD worked throughout last night

Last month, said Sir Michael

the next year.

Introducing the report, Mr John Fay of the OECD said that the 13th year of the Economic Outlook's publication had lived up to its ill reputation. But he said that more of the blame lay with ill judgment than ill luck; and he was particularly critical of the particularly critical of the scramble for oil which took place during the early part of

Although the report is more about the British balance of payments, predicting a current surplus of \$550m next year, it is deeply gloomy about British industry's longer term prospects in world markets. Mr Fay gave a warning that

alone are thought likely to put 750,000 people out of work over

we were nearing to a turning point, beyond which we could no longer reasonably hope to get back to low inflation rates and acceptable growth levels. There is a clear fear that the western world may soon find itself either trapped into a slow growth path with constantly rising unemployment or with high inflation rates so desply imbedded in the system that they will be virtually impossible to get out. If that happens it is feared that a collepse it

economic growth would happen

OECD foresees 3.5m | Letter bomb sent to next chairman more jobless next year of National Enterprise Board

Two more letter hombs ddressed to prominent industrialists were discovered in London yesterday and Scotland Yard issued a warning that more devices were likely to appear All five devices discovered

this week appear to have been posted in Belgium but were possibly Irish in origin.

One of the letters found yesterday was addressed to Sir Arthur Knight, who retires' soon as chairman of Courtaulds ome chairman of the National Enterprise Board, The letter was spotted by a sorter at Paddington sorting office.
The second letter was delivered to the home of Lord Croham who as Sir Douglas Allen was head of the Civil Service. He is now industrial adviser to the Bank of England and deputy chairman of British National Oil Corporation. Lady

she saw the letter. The device sent to Sir Arthur was addressed to a home he sold a year ago; the other was addressed to Lord Croham as a On Tuesday another device

Crobam called the police when

was delivered to the home of Sir William Mather, chairman of the Institute of Directors. Two others exploded in sorting offices before they could be delivered. Both are thought to



Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamwhere several senior industrialists live. At a press conference at Scutland Yard Det Chief Supt

Peter Phelan, deputy head of the anti-terrorist squad, said the devices were powerful enough to kill. They could explode if handled roughly.
Mr Phelau said: "In the past

these devices have come in waves and I have no reason to think the five would be end of it. They could be delayed in the post, I think we can expect more for some days yet.
"We said just a few days ago

that something like this could The letters were thought to be Irish in origin; Mr Phelan said this was deduced from evidence on the outside of the letters. The Belgian police had been contacted and Scotland Yard were in touch with offi-cers from the Thames Valley, Kent, and Cheshive forces where other devices had appeared.
The letters varied slightly, in

size, but all appeared to have been posted in Belgium with addresses hand-written on labels attached to the envelletters they were more like small packages. Mr Phelan said the hombers

may now change their tactics and post letters from elswhere He could not comment on whether the attacks were connected with raids against the Provisional IRA last week; but

one letter was posted on Dec-ember 13, the day after the raids were carried out.

No one had claimed responsibility. The police were not prepared to attribute the attacks to the Provisional IRA which sent similar devices in the past. Package explodes: A package delivered to a Glasgow betting shop yesterday lunchtime ex-ploded shortly afterwards. No one was injured the Post Office said.

Photograph, page 4

Hans Küng defies ban by Vatican on teaching Tübingen, Dec 19 .- Professo

order banning him from teaching and held a 90-minute lecture today for a tumultuous, overflow audience of 2,000 at Tübingen University, West University, About 1,000 students, profes-

sors, university employees, and ordinary Tübingen residents crowded into a lecture hall to hear the 51-year-old Swiss-born priest declare that he would resist the teaching ban issued vesterday by the Sacred Con-gregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome. The lecture was transmitted to another auditorium crowded by 1,000 people.—AP.
Clifford Longley. Religious Affairs Correspondent, writes:

Apprehension at the present direction of the ecclesiastical wind in Rome was close to the surface in Anglican circles ves-terday. A number of leading Anglicans responded to an inquiry from The Times with cautious but deeply felt anxiety. Professor Küng is the one Roman Catholic theologian Anglicans feel an instinctive

sympathy for.

He has had the title "Catholic theologian" stripped from him by the Sacred Congrega-

tion.
The Anglican liking for his The Anglican mainly directed at those of his views which have most annoyed the Roman Catholic authorities: his inportant treative On Being a Christian is widely regarded as a masterly defence of Cariscism, and a particular tonic to the Church of England. His reservations about papal infallibility have not gone unnoticed in Church of England circles. but there is more to it than Five authoritative figures

approached by The Times rebishop Michael Ramsey, the previous Archbishop of Canter-bury; Professor Henry Chad-wick, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford; Mr Derek Pattinson, secretary general of the General Synod of the Church of England; and Archbishop Ted Scott, Anglican Primate of Canada and chairman of the executive committee of the World Council of Churches deplored the trend in Rome as exemplified by the actions Continued on page 7, or 1

'Remarkably merciful' jury clear four of plot

Four people, said by the Crown to be part of a band of would be anarchists who were accused of plotting to rob and arms iffences, were cleared of all charges at the Central Criminal Court last night by a jury that had been vetted. They were discharged.

Judge Alan King-Ramilton, QC, told the five women and seven men of the jury that their verdicts, which came after a 521-hour retirement, including two nights in an hotel, were "remarkably merciful in the face of the evidence". Instead of discharging them, as is usual at the end of a trial,

he ordered them to return to court today. He said he wanted them to hear the Crown outline its case against another alleged anarchist, Stewart Carr, who has admitted conspiring to rob Parliamentary report, page 6 and is spearing for sentence.

Muzorewa signing, page 7 The trial, which lasted three

months, opened amid much publicity because of a dis-closure in *The Guardian* newspaper detailing the results of secret "venting" of 93 potential jurors. That was brought to the attention of the judge be-fore any jury was sworn in. Judge King-Hamilton described the disclosure as outrageous and irresponsible, and ordered a fresh panel of jurors

to be selected and subjected to the same "vetting process" as the same "vetting process" as the same "vetting process" as the previous panel. He also called for an investigation into the press leak of a confidential report on the results of the original jury vetting. There were questions in Parliament and eventually a statement from Sir Michael Havers, QC. the Attorney General, indicating that in future "jury verting" would

not take place without his direct

Before the court were Vincent Stevenson, aged 25, Trevor Dawton, aged 21, both formerly of Percival Street. East London. and now of no fixed address; Iris Mills, aged 31; a married woman and Ronan Bennett, aged 23, both of Kensington Gardens Square, Bayswater, London.

They all denied conspiring to rob, and also variously denied charges of unlawful possession of arms; possessing an explosive substance in circumstances giving rise to suspicion that it was for an unlawful purpose; and handling firearms knowing or believing them to be stolen.

Air Michael Worsley, for the prosecution had said that the prosecution, had said that the four were part of a band of would-be anarchists who con-spired to attack key targets and institutions in British society. He alleged they were involved

and other places to finance the purchase of arms and bombmaking materials. The defence argued that the police arrested the wrong

In answer to the charge of possessing illegal weapons, the defendants said they were looking after them for an Austrian acquaintance, without knowing what was in the bags. The jury returned 20 in-dividual verdicts of not guilty

on the nine counts brought against the defendants. Judge King-Hamilton said to the jurors: "I think you have been remarkably merciful in the face of the evidence. I want you shall be told by the Crown about Stewart Carr and his part in it, and what he had to say. I think you may learn something of great interest."

to Cambridge; Ronald Butt says the Government's cry must be for patriotism; Bernard Levin halls

At short notice Gayle Hunnicutt has taken on the physically and

has taken on the physically demanding role of psychologically demanding role of Peter Pan, opening in London tonight, and she tells Glenys Roberts something of her ap-

Stock Markets: Equities produced a technical rally as buyers

appeared on the scene. Gilt edged were lireller with rises of about 50p across the board. The FT Index closed 0.8 up at 422.1 Financial Editor: BOC's defensive

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funeral cortege of Ayatoliah-h, shot dead by guamen in Tebran lesday, passed peacefully by the can Embassy, despite the common i belief that the CIA was responfor his murder, Iranians appeared terned at reports that the Ameriavy might blockade their ports, as is can be imported across land

Nuclear safety secrets to be published

The Central Electricity Generating Board has responded to criticisms of secrecy over the safety of nuclear reactors with an undertaking to publish the safety analysis for individual power stations. Leading Soviet scientists have concluded that such power stations are safer than oil or coalfired ones and are no threat to populations or environment Pages 4 and 8

Earnings up 16.7 pc

Wage settlements in October were 16.7 per cent up on a year carlier but still failed to keep page with inflation. The level of settlement was sharply higher than in previous months, showing that, sovernment warnings that large pay cases would lead to unemployment have not been beeded. Page 17

England defeated

Despite a fine defensive innings of 99 not out by Geoffrey Boycott, who became the third Englishman to carry his bat through a Test innings in Australia, England lost the first Test match in Perch by 138 runs
John Woodcock page 16

Steel unions agree to fresh pay talks

The executive of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation agreed with reluctance to take part in fresh talks on pay on the invitation of British Steel However, it unanimously reaffirmed its decision to strike from January 2. An improvement in the basic offer of a 2 per cent rise is demanded :

Brutality allegations

Some parients at Broadmoor special hospital were brutally treated and some staff were intimidated by a small group of bullying nurses, it was alleged by two nurses who recently resigned from the staff. They said electro-convulsive therapy was known among patients as the punish ment box

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British Steel invites unions to renewed wage negotiations but threat of strike remains

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor British Steel has invited union leaders to renewed wage negotiations tomorrow but the threat of a national strike in the industry from January 2

The executive of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation met for five hours last night and unanimously reaffirmed its decision to shut down state steel. It agreed with some reluctance to go into new pay talks although there was no guarantee of an improvement in British Steel's offer of a 2 per cent

wage rise. tween steel union leaders, accompanied by Mr Len Murray, General Secretary of the TUC, and Sir Charles Villers, chairman of British Steel.

The corporation will be told that unless the pay offer is improved, other unions in the industry will back the strike.

The negotiations proposed by British Steel will be fruitless unless the basic offer of 2 per cent is improved, rather than an attempt to make more attrac-tive the self-financing produc-tivity bonus scheme that could give up to 10 per cent more in back-dated lump sums to workers who accept "de-man-ning" and wholesale abolition

of demarcation lines. Mr Harry Feather, national officer of the confederation, said after the executive meet-"I do not think anybody looking for a strike for strike's sake. But we are looking for some self respect and compensation for the increase in the cost of living." The negotiations at British Steel's headquarters will involve about 90 confederation executives covering heavy-steel,

By Our Labour Staff

employment legislation.

The Government will con-

sider drawing up a code of

practice to cover recognition of

trade unious by employers as a substitute for the repeal of

Mr Patrick Maybew, Under-

Secretary of State, at the Department of Employment, yes-

Group, a federation of inde-

pendent unions, that the code

of practice could be drawn up under the terms of the employ-

"They will be looking for a decent offer, on the grounds that the last offer was indecent," Mr Feather said.

The confederation national officer, put forward as a spokesman for the union for the first time since the present dispute began, was at pains to argue that the impending stoppage was a steel workers' strike rather than a walk-out created by Mr William Sirs, the union's general secretary, who has been the target of some bitter crisicism from other unions.

Prospects for tomorrow's talks are not very good. Mr
Feather said many of the confederation executive members
expected there would be a
movement from the corporation's arguings offer tion's previous offer.

"The degree of optimism with which they see that movement varies. Most of them think it will not be very much, and they think the corporation will be asking for a lot in will be asking for a lot in

Given British Steel's original offer and its subsequent refusal to make any-improvement, that is almost certain to be true. Any grounds for optimism that the strike will be abandoned must be subdued.

Apprehension about the impact of the first national stop-page of the industry since 1926 is growing as the strike date

Mr Ian Kelsall, Wales director of the Confederation of British Industry, said industrialists were appalled at the prospect of a strike with supporting action from other

"We have had two disastrous

tection Act which dealt with

through the Advisory Concilia-tion and Arbitration Service.

The group also told the mini-ster of its concern over the

vagueness of the Bill on postal ballots for union elections and

urged that government funds be available for ballots at grass-

said he would be prepared to

listen to further representa-

rious on the question.

union recognition

Code of practice proposed

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for union recognition

disputes this year in transport and engineering which have done untold damage to indus-try and business, and to investment and employment pros-pects," he said.

A prolonged steel strike could only worsen firms, financial position and lead to even higner unemployment."

A special CBI Wales Committee starts work today on plans to rebuild the Weish economy, which will be seriously affected by British Steel's proposals to run down steel at Port Talbot

Representatives of the coalmining engineering transport and allied industries will dis-cuss with British Steel execurives measures to mitigate the impact of plant closures.

It is clear that large-scale redundancies in steel-making areas are inevitable, and it is therefore vital that we begin immediately to plan the restructuring of those areas", said Mr Kelsall

thinking will be " New required on means of attracting incoming industries and of restructuring the growth of existing firms. This is where both thought and action should be concentrated as a matter of urgency.

urgency."

Trade union leaders are a long way from taking a similar line to that of the employers. The Wales TUC general council meeting in Cardiff decided to support joint national strike action by steelworkers, miners. transport workers and seamen if BSC refuses to defer for two years its plan to make 52,000 workers redundant, and if the Government refuses to hold an Government refuses to hold an independent inquiry.

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BL talks on pay and productivity are adjourned The Bill will repeal the provisions of the Employment Pro-

Talks on a new pay and productivity deal for 90,000 British Leyland car workers were adjourned last night until January

Management and unions were said to be determined to reach a sertlement. However, there is still no ogreement on pay or on many of BL's proposals for changes in working practice, design deto increase efficiency. The unions want an improveweek offer for 10,000 skilled men, and between 53.50 and £4.30 for the rest, but the management is standing firm.

by the inland kevenue seeking to charge income tax on £174,000 of the United States earnings of Mr David Frost, the television personality. ment in the company's £9-a-week offer for 10,000 skilled ctice could be drawn up rious on the question.

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Mr Wilfred Aspinall, the group treasurer, said the meeting had been very useful

Post union calls one-day stoppage

At one-day strike which could close all postal and telephone services on December 27 is being planned by the Union of ost Office Workers.

The 200,000 strong union has advised its members not to report for work on that day in protest at the Post Office's refusal to make it a Bank Holiday. If the call is obeyed all services will halt, although the union will provide an emergency telephone service.

Last night the Post Office said the union's decision was irresponsible and it said it "deplored the fact that customers are likely to be deprived of services on a day which is not a bank heliday".

Privately, however, Post Office officials were hopeful that as the union had not issued an instruction, there would not be a complete shutdown in

The union said that it had proposed to the Post Office that there should be a reduced service on December 27 samilar to a Bank Roliday service and that anyone required to work would be given a day off in lieu of extra pay.

An official said that some

postal and telecommunications staff would only have Christmas Day off and the union felt it was reusonable that its members "should have some time to spend with their families over Christmas

He said the Post Office had also rejected a "compromise" proposal that postal staff should work a half day on December 27 with only one collection of mail and one delivery.

The union believed that there would be little demand for postal or telephone services on the day as it was likely that most of the country would be taking the whole of Christmas

The Post Office said that ralks would continue to try to avert the stoppage, which would damage the corporation and its customers.

It was pointed out that the Post Office had already arranged for a staff reduction of between 20 and 30 per cent on the day to give as many workers as possible a longer

Frost tax fight

Mr Callaghan is overruled The House of Lords yesterday reserved judgment on an appeal by the Inland Revenue seeking union's inquiry into the Robinson case, said it was the normal practice of the NEC not to inter-

BR under growing cash pressure to agree on manpower plan

unions are expected to meet the British Railways Board in the new year to discuss management proposals on productivity savings. But they have yet to agree on a common approach.

British Rail is under growing financial pressure to agree soon on at least part of the plan for a more efficient use of manpower which management presented to the three unions a month ago.

The proposal of the National Union of Railwaymen for a 300m long-term pay and productivity deal has the support of the white-collar Transport and Salaried Staffs' Association. But the union has still not resolved its differences with the Associated Society of Locomo tive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef) on how savings should be distributed.

The unions have been unable to arrange a meeting among themselves before they meet the board on January 2

The NUR and Aslef disagree. over whether savings achieved in areas affecting drivers should benefit footplatemen only, or be spread among all workers. at the same time that the GovAgreement on objectives is ernment was "attacking the same way off, but the living standards of working.

By Donald Macintyre

out a pay settlement.

settlement rebuff

NUJ's members in

Leaders of provincial mem-

bers of the National Union of Journalists will meet today to consider their next step after talks with the Newspaper Society ended last night with out a pay certifement.

The NUJ's members in regional newspapers had earlier

rejected by three to one a pay

offer estimated by the union to

add about 14.5 per cent to the wage bill for the 9,000 journa-lists employed by the somecy's

The Institute of Journalists, which represents about 1,000 provincial journalists, announced yesterday that its members the offer.

due to be paid from January 1. Ballot returns showed 87 per

Mr Robert Farmer, the insti-

the society that his members' an adequate solution."

tute's general secretary, has cold

was his union's business.

People talked about civil

liberties being involved. If the

party had evidence about civil

liberties being infringed, his in-

quiry would be glad to have

the evidence. Any other union

would be glad to have it. It

was not a matter of the Labour

Party giving a blank cheque to

the unious; this was an indus-

Evidently sensing a serious

clash between the union and the party. Mr Callaghan

appealed to the NEC not to

prejudge the issue. The last

thing he wanted was a dispute

between a very important union element in the Labour

They were really concerned

about the long-term future of

British Leyland as well as civil

liberties and the sacking of Mr

Party and the execurive.

cent in favour.

NUJ talks today on pay

By Our Labour Reporter board will almost certainty people services.

Leaders of the three rail press for some commitment on He added: "The plain fact productivity before agreeing to productivity before agreeing to the wage increases due in April. is that no government can hope the wage increases due in April. By contrast the unions, which are likely to claim soon for substantial increases will argue that the two issues are separate. The resilection of the substantial increases are separate. The resilection of the substantial increases are substantial increases will but it is equally clear that got separate. separate. The railwaymen are likely to seek increases at leastin line with the miners' sertle.

ment of 20 per cent. Mr Sidney Weighell, general

In a recent speech which attacked both the Employment

secretary of the NUR predicted that the Government will " in a relatively short period of time" bring in some explicit form of wages control

Bill and the public expenditure cuts. Mr Weighell said that governments had to generate necessary goodwill" before they could control wages Mr Weighell, a determined advocate of incomes policy during the last Labour Government, told the union's West Midlands District Council in Birmingham that the Government had already started to use cash limits to reduce wage increases in the public sector. Mr Weighell said the Employment Bill was designed to weaken trade union bargaining at the same time that the Govadvocate of incomes policy dur

"without reservations, indeed other than rejuctance

megoriators said that their other was fin. I The only improvement was understood to have been a suggestion that the society might be prepared to

facts. It would be quite wrong

to state theirs too, particularly

when civil rights were involved.

But Mr Hoyle, Mr Sem-McCluskie of the Narional

Union of Seamen, Mr Michael

party, and Mr John Golding, MP for Newcastle-under Lynn,

thought the matter should be

put over to the January meet-

Mr Foot thought the dismis-

sal of Mr Robinson was scan-

dalous, but he still hoped the

to a vote. He appealed in vain

parlous finances, Mr Heffer

raised the jollier topic of the

revision of the party's songbook

and the reported exclusion of

many old favourites, including

Divided on political issues,

the hymn jerusalem.

After discussing the party's

Foot, deputy leader of

the NEC had the right

to pass the resolution and the of this lovely hymn. They were addendum.

decade.

board will almost certainly people through cuts in public

pare the groundwork and generate the necessary goodwill."

Repeating that the NUR remained totally opposed to more railway line closures. Mr. Weighell said that increased investment was needed to develop a first-class network and to provide better conditions for raciway staff.

The interim report of the in dustry's joint study group on rail electrification had shown rail electrification had shown that "the bigger the investment in electrification, the bigger the saving." Investment of 5233m a year would save £15m, while £491m would save £47m.

With British Rail paying an extra 150m for Tuel this year, the pressure from spending cuts would get worse. Mr Weighell added that a policy of higher fares would be "counter-productive" He said "When oil

becoming more and more ex-pensive, and will eventually become scarce it seems abso-lute madness to force people-back into the cars."

Compromise hope in row on party inquiry By Michael Harfield Political Reporter decision had not been reached

Labour's dispute over the He emphasized that the institute, which unlike the NUJ is not a TUC affiliate was composition of its commission of inquiry into the party's organization and structure adaccepting on the clear under-standing that rates of pay would be increased by local. vanced a step towards a com-promise last night after a Commons meeting between sational executive and Trades Unions for a Labour Victory represen-During yesterday's talks with

Trade Unionists had com-plained that the national execu-tive had overweighted its mem-bership of the inquiry and de-stroyed balance.

employed by the society society might be prepared to stroyed balance.

Institute of Journalists, the Institute of Journalists, announced in the possibility of introducing an incremental payment after 10 years' service.

Last night Mr Noel Howell, the inquity and that Mr Norman Atkinson; the left-wing payment after 10 years' service.

Last night Mr Noel Howell, the inquity and that Mr Norman Atkinson; the left-wing party treasurer, should be allowed to remain but without a they accept that the pay rates are inadequate. But they are not prepared to to be put before the executive committee for discussion.

was described as a fine, barnion tone voice", as a restributation

bulkt a better Britain without those "dark, satanic mills." So ended the last executive

meeting of the year and the

They had passed without de

bate a statement calling for a

wide-ranging and open inquiry into the accountability of the

security services.

"Relationships which prevail between the security services, ministers. Parliament and the

public are particularly in need of investigation and discus-

or investigation and enscus-sion, the executive said.

"The present arrangements are undersocratic and enscueptable and serve only to undermine the credibility of these ser-

The party has set up its own study group to look at the

issues of accountability

the party's determination to

Protection sought for workers in the home

A plea for legislation to improve the working conditions of Britain's estimated 150,000 homeworkers is made today by the Low Pay Unit.

The report, called The Hidder Army, comes at a busy time for homeworkers as they assemble and paint toys, sew gloves and coais, pack Christmas cards and assemble crackers. Their pay bears little relation to the price paid by Christmas shoppers, the

mit says. The unit discovered the nearly half of the homeworker earned less than 40p an hour and two thirds earned less than and two-thirds earned tess that 60p. Only one in six earner more, than £1 (the average hourly wage of the poorest liper cent of all female manus workers).

More than half complained of cores costs and covered by

More than half complained of extra costs not covered be employers, such as electricity for machines, postage and fare. Nearly a third complained of hazards such as fluff and dust spate swallowed up by storey of sacks or boxes, evil smelling glues and noisy machines. The unit says: "The prictiple homeworker can pay for speaking her mind is the sack withour redress".

It calls for the extension o It calls for the extension of basic employment rights thomeworkers; effective policing of the 1974 Health are Safety at Work Act to ensuritie protection of homeworker from dangers: that factor workers would not to state and reinforcement of the late Government's initiatives to be the 30,000 homeworkers covere by wages councils and legaminimum wages.

Bill to curb football hooliganism By Our Political Staff

New powers to prohibit th New powers to promine to admission to football ground of people carrying, or under the influence of, alcoholidring, the consumption calcohol within football ground and similar controls over these carrying sur private buses carrying sur porters to matches, are in cluded in the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, which has heen introduced in the House

The Bill also seeks to impl ment the main recommend tions of the Emslie Committee conferences were to be deprived all cases where a judge i poses the mandatory lil sentence for murder, he wi be required to recommend son case, said it was the normal addendum.

be required to recommend minimum period of imprison ment to be served before the fere in an industrial dispute that while the AUEW had a Mr Callaghan then led the ment to be served before the fere in an industrial dispute that while the AUEW had a singing of the hypna in what offender is released on licence.

Other provisions deal wit the detention and questioning of suspects at police stations power for the police to search those whom they suspect carrying offensive weapons public; and the creation of carutory offence of vandalism

£8m fire was caused by electrical fault

An electrical fault caused th £8m fire that destroyed on third of the St John's shoppin precinct, including the entir market area, in Liverpool cit centre in the early hours of Wednesday.

Merseyside police said las night: "We are satisfied afte a thorough investigation the the fire was not caused by an criminal action but was the re Leading article, page 13 | sult of an electrical fault."

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Robinson. Only the union inquiry could bring out the Nine remanded in custody after raids

were yesterday remanded in custody until Thursday, Decem-ber 27, charged with various offences following police raids in London and elsewhere last

The charges included con-spiring to cause an explosion and unlawful possession of fire-

Mr Robert Storey, aged 23, of Riversdale Park South, Belfast, Mr Richard Glen-haimes, aged 46, Mr John Camp-bell, 2ged 37, and Mr Gerard Tuite, aged 24, all of Holland Park, west London, were jointly charged at Lambeth Magistrates' Court with conspiring to cause an explosion and with possessing firearms. They were further charged with conspiring to withhold information. ion and possessing ammunition.
Mr Ralph Lownie, the

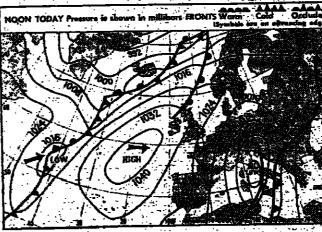
magistrate, rejected buil applications for Mr Storey and Mr Gienholmes. Mr Glenholmes.
In a separate hearing a few minutes later, Mrs Margaret Parrat, aged 33, of Woodfand Wey, Who stone, north London, and Miss Janqueline O'Malley, aged 30, of Wilsham Street, Natring Hill, west London, were also charged with conspiring to

cause an explosion.

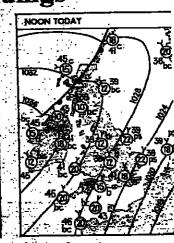
They were in the dock with Mrs Christine Keenan, aged 43. of Earnsley Park. Balist, and Mrs Lillian Cassidy, wged 34, and her husbond Bernard, aged 41, both of Asborne Road,

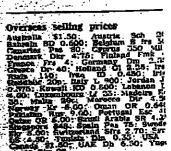
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the executive appeared to unite Weather forecast and recordings

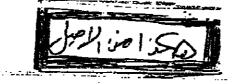


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Science Editor

The safety analyses for individual nuclear power stations are to be published for the first time by the Central Electricity Generating Board, That important change of pro-cedure could go a long way to meeting criticisms about unnecessary secrecy.

The issue was the subject of an early day motion tabled in the Commons on Monday calling on the Government "for the immediate release not of any abridged summary, but of the full secret, unabridged the full secret, unabridged safety reports on the pressurized water reactor and the advanced gas-cooled reactor".

The board's action will satisfy a large part of the request, but not in total. The start will be early next year with safety reports covering the second advanced gas-cooled reactor, to be built at Heysham Lanca-shire, and an identical system at Torness, Scotland.

Planning approval has been given for both sites. The final stage before work starts on both stations, in the spring, is to obtain a licence from the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate based on a pre-construc-

Dismissed

police chief

wins claim

From Our Correspondent

Mr Edmund Garvey, the former head of the Irish Republic's police force, who was dismissed by the Minister

of Justice in January, 1978, was awarded damages against the

State of £1,700 in the High Court in Dublin yesterday.

. The court had decided at a previous hearing that Mr Gar-

vey had been wrongly dis-missed and the Supreme Court

had rejected a State appeal against the decision.

Former Commissioner Gar-

vey was dismissed by Mr Gerry

after he refused to tender his

Mr Garvey and the Fianna Fail

Government, which swept to power in June. 1977, had been noticeably cool.

The total award made to Mr

Garvey included an agreed figure of £1,204 for loss of

interest by not receiving his salary from the time of his removal from office until he

Steven Sidor, aged 26, who admitted having fired the .22 rifle bullet that killed Wendy Wayre, aged 10, at a riding

Mr Sidor, of Banner Hey, Whiston, Merseyside, had told the jury that while shooting

with pistols and a rifle at tins at Blundells Hill Farm.

Whiston, he saw a starling land

day. He was discharged.

officially resigned last May, deployed.

of Justice

Collins, the Minister

of a safety analysis for an advanced gas-cooled reactor would probably be issued if proposals for a nuclear power station at Portskewett, south

Wales, are pursued.

Mr R. R. Matthews, director of health and safety for the board, said yesterday that it was a matter of feeling a way to the best method of providing information which was often in highly technical form.

Commercial confidentiality and the security of plant has to

be considered. But he believed those aspects could be resolved by indicating clearly the nature of sensitive information which was left out of a public report.
The safety documents consist

of several reports, some are re-lated only to a particular site under examination. In addition, safety analysis is a continuous process even for a specific type of reactor, allowing for advances in design and for refinements in the methods of fault

safety documents for the pres-surized water reactor for which Government approval was given yesterday, is regarded as an in-evitable requirement for the public inquiry.
No design or safety docu-

tion safety report.

The generating board's intention is to publish a shortened version. The full documentation yet been prepared.

Belfast Ulster's Orangemen are pre-

paring a mass demonstration in the centre of Belfast as their

answer to the Government's attempt to hand back powers to

the province.

The protest has been timed to

influence the outcome of pre-sent political manoeuvrings which probably will result in an attempt to establish an elected

assembly next year, whether by agreement or imposition.

The Orangemen believe the Government will announce its

intentions in the spring, and have called the demonstration for March 15—two days before St Patrick's Day.

The main messages will be on security and the principle of one equal vote to each citizen.

There will be strong emphasis

on the need to improve the effectiveness of the locally re-

cruited, part-time police and soldiers to release the regular

The Orangemen want more men in the Ulster Defence Regiment and the police reservists and believe they should be more effectively

told him a little girl had been

shot it was obvious to him that it was his bullet.

responsible for a one-chance-in-

girl was 500 yards away from the place where Mr Sidor fired

the rifle and the bullet struck her behind the ear while she

The court was told that the

a-million accidental killing.

security duties.

intensive border

training places for unemployed

public inquiry into a prossurized water reactor station,

to be built at Sizewell. Suffolk

form the subject for one of the

most critical of the opposition

voices to the atomic power pro-

A joint letter from the Friends of the Earth and the

Council for the Protection of

Rural England to the Government points to irreconcilable differences between the scope of a public inquiry and the

Our Political Staff writes

Implications of the Govern-

ment's latest statement on the

nuclear power programme are to be investigated by the new Commons Select Committee on

The committee stated yester-day that it will examine the

energy projections and the assumptions about contributions

from other sources on which the future role of nuclear power has

been based; the safety, opera-tional and industrial issues

raised by pressurized water reactors; the best methods by which the final decision should

be reached in the interests of public accountability and infor-

the proposed reorganization of the nuclear power industry.

troops to the border has a strong propaganda appeal, the Orangemen say. It would help to dispel the belief abroad.

especially in America, that the British troops are "occupying"

Defence Association declared

its support for special category status for all IRA prisoners

Mr Andy Tyrie, head of the UDA, the largest "loyalist" paramilitary group in Ulster, told the Cork Examiner:

They are different prisoners.

There are special courts, special

police, a special everything. Whether I agree with republi-

can ideas or not I have to accept that these people are

fighting for what they believe in, both Protestants and Catholics".

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Meanwhile.

nological programmes.

Energy.

Orangemen prepare mass

demonstration in Ulster

of assessment that is type of assessment that is needed for such immense tech-

Unions reacted angrily to the announcement, and the Civil and Public Services Association called the cuts "savage attacks on the very basis for continuing service to the unemployed.".

terday discussed the cuts and afterwards issued a statement saying it would "lead to a reduction in range and scale of MSC activity in the early 80s when the MSC's own labour marker analysis shows that employment and remining services.

The first area to feel the cuts will be the Training Opportunities Programme, where the num-ber of places available will be reduced from 60,000 to 70,000.

The commission plans a witch of resources in its four-

Other changes planned are in the general employment service, where the commission is con-sidering merging the Professional and Executive Recruitment section with the general

skilled worker, ethnic minori-ties, the elderly and the dis-

There will probably be changes in the Skillcentre network, cuts in advisory services and staff reductions in the employment service, although there are not expected to be any redundancies.

State for Employment, to stress state for Employment, to stress the dangers involved in the cuts at a time when employment prospects were "daunting". The commission will also request support from the Euro-pean Social Fund.

Government instructions to the Manpower Services Commission to reduce its staff by 3,400 in the next two to three years will mean that there will be 10,000 fewer places for training unemployed people, the commission said last night.

The cuts, which amount to 12.7 per cent of the commission's 26,700 employees, are allied to a planned saving of 150m next financial year.

The TUC general council yes-

ployment and training services should be expanding rather than contracting, as unemployment increases and technological and industrial change accelerates.".

year plan, which is to be presented to the Government for approval. It is recommend-ing an increase next year of 10,000 to 260,000 in the number of the places available under the Youth Opportunities Proexperience.

The commission said the cuts were bound to have an effect on groups of people less able to withstand the problems of unemployment such as the un-

Six loyalists are refusing to Commission officials are seeking an early meeting with Mr James Prior, Secretary of work, wear prison clothing or take exercise in the Maze prison near Belfast in support of special category status which was withdrawn for offences committed after March, 1976. In the same prison, in three of the eight H-blocks, 380 Republi-can prisoners are on "dirty

It all happened to Millom 11 vears ago. The closure of the Millom fron works, just five weeks after a report in a local newspaper was confirmed by the management, involved only 600 jobs but proportionately it was just as great a shock to a population of 7,000, all dependent on the one industry, as any of the impending events in Port Talbor and Consert and else-

> officially between 9 and 10 per cent of the insured population which means that there are about 150 men and 150 women without jobs. These statistics do not really put the place in the "distressed area" class. Long, consistent efforts by 11

Long, consistent efforts by 11 different agencies including the former Countral County Council, the "new" Cumbria County Council, various government departments and a Millom Action Group have made arrangements since 1968 for Millom people to make such things as small howercraft, speed boats, ladies tights, shoes, and boxes for precious jewelry.

A significant effect of the closure of the iron works has

Light industry and commuting help recovery been to force about 1,000 of the trial jobs with good fringe seems, have settled down to male breadwinners (and such a benefits but also offers the those daily long hauls to Windterm is still acceptable in West only training and career oppor-scale or Barrow but many are term is still acceptable in West male breadwinners (and such a term is still acceptable in West Cumbria) to get up early every morning and travel by train, bus or shared car either to the

Windscale nuclear energy plant
20 miles to the north or sround
the Duddon estuary to the
Vickers shippard at Barrow-in-

Mr Peter Finch is in charge of the first factory which was established after the ron works shut; Drum Closures Ltd, a highly specialized factory employing 45 people making the snap-on rings which seal almost every circular con-To the ears of those who live around and work in con-urbations such as Greater Man-chester, the West Midlands, Type and Wear, not to mention London, the idea of a 20- or 30-minute journey to work at costs ranging from £2 to £6- a week-would probably not seem to container of every commodity from labricating oil to cyanide used in this country. He says he was one of the lucky ones. stitute hardship.
To a little community like
Millom, however, it is a dismasteful, tiring business. Mr
Robeit Taylor, former member
of Copeland District Council and
a former principal planning
officer in the Ministry of Houslocal Covernment. He was in charge of a main

was in charge of a main-marks and had been there for 20 years. For six mouths he had to travel 60 sales to Workington to earn-a living, then his present employers opened their plant in the last surviving buildings of the Millom Hemaing and Local Government, said: "Ir harms social cohesion and family life and it is sometite Company. times the prelude to the re-

"The people I felt sorry for were the skilled blastfurnacemen", he said. They were the aristocrats of their industry and overnight they were on the job market as labourers."

Most of those aristocrats, it moval of families from the town altogether". Everyone in Millom agree that they would have been in a much worse plight if it had not been for Windscale which not only provides well-paid indus-

only training and career oppor-tunities for the high-flyers from the town's comprehensive school. They either obtain a start in a career with British Nuclear Fuels Ltd or they have to leave home altogether.

iron works were not all that

we did not earn all that much. Perhaps it has all turned out for the best even if we do have

trains or cars every day. trains or cars every day.

Two rather remarkable things happened at Milliom when the iron works closed. Few of the men stayed on the dole for more than a week or two. They urreferred to accept the unpreferred to accept the unpleasantness of early morning fourneys to work elsewhere. The local Co-operative Society went into liquidation because all the thrifty wives drew out their savings for the rainy day they thought had come.

Mr Peter Cross, a Cumbria County Councillor and the acknowledged "father" of the mwn, had a message for places like Consett: "We have fought back, we will go on fighting back. It is a long, slow business, but I think we are winning."

Concluded

stitute hardship.

The intercepted letter bomb addressed to the chairman of Courtaulds

From Our Correspondent

Mrs Helen Liddell, secretary of the Labour Party in Scotland,

Glasgow yesterday that she did not think there would be "a bitter split" among the dele-

gates from constituency parties and affiliated organizations at the annual Scottish conference

Party organization will be dis-cussed at the conference, which

between 400 and 500 delegates

"The debate has not been so vociferous in Scotland as in other parts of the country", she said, "It has not been so acri-

monious as it has been in the

Nonetheless, the conference will be faced with a large num-

Tory Government, but all ex-treme wings inside and outside the party who do not accept the fundamental aims and objects

Constituency Labour Party not only want the party leader to be elected by national conference but by members of the

Cabinet as well. Stirling, Fal-kirk and Grangemouth would

of democratic socialism.". Edinburgh District Labour Party and North Edinburgh

of the party next year.

are expected to attend.

columns of the press."

Glasgow

Scottish Labour conference

faces many critical motions

elected by an electoral college.

It also accepts the need for, and the importance of the general committee of inquiry into the Labour Party.

The constituency party in Kilmarnock, which for years adopted Mr William Ross (now

Lord Ross) the former Secre-tary of State for Scotland, is calling for a "fairer method of

The Society of Graphical and Allied Trades is to call upon

re executive committee to

Perhaps the presence of Mr

Alex Ritson, the party's vice chairman, who will be attending as fraternal delegate from the

national executive in his last year in Scotland before going

electing the party leader ".

Insulation scheme is criticized

help in insulating their homes, are the least likely to apply for the state's insulation grant scheme the National Consumer Council said today. A big obstacle is that the poor cannot afford to pay their

share of the bill, particularly elderly or infirm people who have to pay a contractor. In their case, the £50 maxi-

mum grant may cover less them half the cost off loft insulation. Consequently many of the poorest households are not applying for grants.

Unless the Government makes more financial help available, applications for the grant are unlikely to increase substantially, even though bet-ter publicity may help, the NCC will be faced with a large number of critical motions, including one from Glasgow Maryhili which says: "At a time when extreme left-wing factions appear to be undermining the true principles of this party"—democratic socialists must unite—"to defeat not only the It bases into findings on the It bases its findings on the

preliminary results of research the operation and effectiveness of the Homes Insulation Scheme 1978. The full results will be published next year. "Surveys show that in many

cases the poorest bouseholds, or those living in privately rented accommodation, are not taking up the grant", Jeremy Mitchell, director of the NCC said.

"For example, 34 per cent of bouseholds eligible for grants were in the procest groups, accerding to our survey in September this year. But actual grants to those groups accounted for only 19 per cent of grants

"Although about 20 per cent of those then eligible were private renants, a recent survey by the Association of District Councils found that only 10 per cent of grant applications came from private tenants."

Even when pensioners could afford insulation, the job of form-filling, arranging for loft inspection and for the final work to be done, could be more than they felt able to cope with, Mr Mitchell said.

Increase in cost of milk to be announced today By Hugh Clayton

Agriculture Correspondent A rise in the price of bottled milk will be announced by the Government today. It is expected to increase by 11p a pint

to 16 p early next year. Milk is almost the only food for which retail prices are fixed by ministers. The rise was agreed by the Government in the face of heavy

lobbying by farmers' unions. It is separate from the increases on other dairy products which will result next year from the latest devaluation of the green The National Farmers' Union of England and Wales had tolo

ministers than the benefits of the devaluation would reach farmers too late to insulate them from the costs of keeping herds through the win-

Evidence of a decline in the number of dairy cows convinced ministers that the risk of a drop in milk output outweighed that of a decline in consumption.

against tax officials

Race case

The Inland Revenue is to ba taken to court under the Race Relations Act, 1976, because of its policy of demanding a full birth certificate from coloured immigrants wanting rax relief for children while only requiring a short certificate from everyone else.

The Court of Appeal ruled on Tuesday that a case against the Inland Revenue for racial dis-crimination had to be heard by Nothingham County Court, although the county court judge originally ruled that there was no cause of action because the Inland. Revenue was not covered by the Act.

The case was brought by Mr Prabhudas Savjani, a Kenyan Asian, living in Leicester, who went to his local tax office to daim tax relief for his British-born child-in June 1977. He was told a full certificate was required when none of the white applicants was asked for

He took the case to Nottingham County Court where the Registrar said there was no cause of action and was upheld by the judge.

. Mr Savjani was told that the Inland Revenue had introduced the rule for immigrants in 1968 following a report from the Public Accounts Committee which said that fraudulent claims had been made by immigrants wanting tax relief. That was eight years before the new Race Relations Act was in-

troduced. Lord Justice Donaldson, sit-ting with Lord Justice Browne, create a permanent press and media office in Scotland to combat "the bias" and to present the Labour Party and trade union point of view. said on Tuesday that it was an appeal which raised important issues under the Race Rela-tions Act. The Inland Revenue was refused leave to appeal to

the House of Lords. Mr Savjani, who is being supported by the Commission for Racial Equality, is alleging that the Inland Revenue is covered by Section 20 of the Act which says that it is unlawful for any person concerned with the provision of goods, facilities or services to discriminate.

south to fulfil the role as deputy general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, will add some heat to the debate.

The motions predictably If a government minister reflect the growing resentment to the Government's economic wants to discriminate for reasons of public policy, there is provision for him to do so under procedures laid down in cuts, with calls for a large cam-paign m be mounted in Scor-land. and. Fears are expressed that the

Section 41 of the Act, but those had not been followed. Mrs Shirley Williams, when Secrecurs inflict bardship on people. least able to stand them and add to Scotland's substantial unemployment. Central Edinburgh tary of State for Education, used those procedures to introin condemning the ruts, affirms its opposition to all curs in public spending "except curs in defence and on the police". duce differential grants for overseas students.

'Twilight world' woman awarded £96.000

day. Miss Kalpana Patel suffered a cardiac arrest while anaes been very intelligent conscient therized for an operation on her thous and able. She had com-be at Dreadnoughr Seamen's pleted a typing course and in December, 1975.
Why it happened was not cleaer, but she was left with

A woman, aged 22, who was Mr John Samuels, for Mr confined to "a twilight exis Patel, who sued on his tence" when a minor operation daughter's behalf, said the went wrong, was awarded accident "cut down a young 196,000 agreed damages in the woman in the bloom of heritary court in London yester, youth and confined her to a twilight existence." wilight existence.".

Before the accident she had

pleted a typing course and could have looked forward to a

Hospital at Greenwich, London, could have looked fotward to a in December, 1975.

Why it happened was not the family business the family business. The was left with severe brain damage, Mr Justice Cantley was told by counsel for trol of one of her father's newscanning was told by counsel for agents and tobaccomists shops in south east London, had Parel, of Aneriey Road.

Aneriey, Loudon Happily there was no question of her becoming institutionalized. She can rely on the care of this close knit family. Despite the tragedy, they have displayed great loyalty to a family member, which is the finest characteristic of their Authority.

Snowdon scheme aids farms

nearly nail a unifon visions a commission of the scheme, the year. The pressure of tourism, commission says, combined with a declining agricultural work force, has made them Experiment (Countryside it difficult for farmers to main traditionally high standards Crescent Place, Cheltenham, of farm and estate maintenance. Gloucestershire GL50 3RA (33).

By Our Planning Reporter

An upland management plus local contributions in cash scheme initiated by the and in kind, stone walls have countryside. Commission in been rebuilt, paths drained and snowdonia park has respond new stiles, gates and proved cheap and effective and signs fitted, trees planted eye has benefited both farmers and sores cleated, and car parks tourists, the commission says in and picnic sites provided. A a report published yesterday.

Snowdon's summir attracts overwhelming support for the nearly half a million visitors a continuation of the scheme, the year. The pressure of tourism, commission says.

Ramblers seek

to outlaw

trail riders

By Our Planning Reporter The use of non-essential motor vehicles on land used motor vehicles on land used solely or largely for agriculture of forestry should be bauned by law, the Ramblers' Association states in a booklet published today.

Its publication comes at a time of growing controversy about the number of vehicles, particularly motor evides using

particularly motor cycles, using so-called green roads in the countryside, such as the Ridgeway. I Just as pedestrians have no right to walk on motorways, so should recreational motor vehicles have no access to long-distance paths ", it says.

The association observes that the sources of unpleasant noise in the countryside are growing in number and extent. But, despite that, little effective legislative or administrative action has been taken to regulate them. It expresses particular con-cern at the growth of trail riding on motorcycles speci-

ally adapted for cross country use.
The booklet points out that there are about 150,000 miles of surfaced roads in the countryside of England and Wales. available for use by all motorists and motorcyclists, compared with about 100,000 miles of footpaths and bridleways. There are also some 60,000 acres of derelict land, within which must be many suitable sites for rough riding

to the ban should be made for authorized compeniative events, such as rallies and trials, a chibing the rioise measion. The Ramblers Association, 1-5 Wandsworth Road, London SWS 2LJ.

FIGHT BACK AGAINST CANCER

stables at Rainhill, Mersevside, was found not guilty of her manslaughter by a jury at Liverpool Crown Court yester-

It is good to remember that most people live their lives untouched by any form of cancer. But as all too many are aware, cancer is

something that casts its shadow far beyond those it directly affects. That is why so many people think it right to help the urgent work of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.



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The Appeals Secretary, Room 24/19 Imperial Cancer Research Fund. PO. Box 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WCSA 3FX.



Man cleared of rifle killing | Changing working-class and I swung round and took a quick shot." Later, when a friend telephoned to him and views vital in education

Changes in working-class attitudes were far more important in determining the future of higher education than changes in the birth rate, Pro-fessor E. G. Edwards, of Bradford University, told a conference in Brighton yesterday. He said the Department of

Education and Science was obsessed with birth rate fluctuations, leading to variations in the size of the 18-year-old age on the apex of a barn roof.

"I do not know why I fired at it", he said. "It just landed two hours later."

expanding much faster than the rate was closely similar to the changes in the growth rate of higher education in the corres ponding periods.

Speaking at the annual con-ference of the Society for Re-search into Higher Education. Professor Edwards said that from 1860 to about 1955 higher education had expanded at a fairly uniform rate, doubling in size every 25 years. From 1955 to 1970, the doubling period had dropped to about

demand from the most dominant customers of higher edu-Participation rates for the

period. The Robbins principle that higher education should be available for all those with the

His study of higher education growth rates over the past 100 years suggested that it was the size of the age group belonging to the managerial and professional classes that was important, and that was determined mainly by social

mined mainly by social mobility rates, not birth rates. Those social classes had been population as a whole, and the fluctuations in their growth

Since 1970 fluctuations in growth were consistent with a virtual saturation of potential

higher professional classes had risen to above 80 per cent. Participation by manual workers' children had declined over the

ability, attainment, and desire to pursue it had resulted in a widening of the "social apar-theid" in higher education. The development of higher education in Britain depended not so much on projections as

on policy, he said.
"It depends on whether we shall be content to see the continuance of the waste of potential ability, a natural consequence of the Robbins principle . . . or whether we are determined to find ways stimulating the latent ability the majority of the population to find expression both in the consciousness and per-ception of higher education and

in the will and achievement to participate in it." It was unlikely that any sig-nificant change in that direc-

tion could result from educa-tional changes alone. It prob-ably depended more on the currents of industrial, social and economic strategy.

Science undergraduates favourites for firsts

By Our Education

Undergraduates reading science or technology subjects are more than three times more likely to be awarded a firstclass degree than those reading social science subjects, although their average A level qualifica-tions are of an almost identical

standard. Mr Thomas Bourner, a lecturer at Middlesex Polytechnic, presented the results of his analysis of first degree classifications and entry qualifications in polytechnics and other tions to universities, polytechnics exctor colleges, 9.6 per nics and other maintained colleges during the period 1971-75, at the annual conference of the Society for Research into

Higher Education, in Brighton At universities, 13 per cent

Third mine victim

A third miner died in hospital today after last week's mayor of Kensington and Chel-accident at the Kinsley drift sea and a Greater London Commine, Hemsworth, West York-shire. He was Mr Michael Monaghan, aged 40, of Under-wood Avenue, Worsborough vesterday with L5 costs for fail-Dale, Barnsley.

of science and technology students were awarded a first-class degree, compared with 7 per cent of arts students, and 4.4 per cent of social science students.

Their average A scores" on entering "scores" on entering univer-sity were 9.56 (science and technology), 10.53 (arts) and 9.86 (social science). The score is obtained by allocating five points to a grade A, four to a grade B, three to a C, and so

polytechnics and other degrees—double the proportion of first-class arts degrees (4.8 per centi, and five times the proportion of first-class degrees in the social sciences.

Former mayor is fined Sir Malby Crofton, former cillor, was fined 110 by Bow Street magistrates, London,

ing to pay a parking fine.

Complaints of sadism and brutality on **Broadmoor patients**

alleged, had given ECT to a young; schizophrenic patient who was beld down by six nurses. He was obviously in much pain.

In a catalogue of alleged in-cidents at Broadmoor, the two nurses say that patients were hit and kitked, had wer towels twisted round their necks and hot and then cold water poured over them.

Patients were put into seclusion or periods rom seffvered days to a month for breaking a minor rule, talking back to a nerse or swearing.

Most patients, it was said, were kept quiet by large drug doses. Some received over 1,000 miligrams, of large-ctyl daily.

Mr Byrne and Mr Room were seen by DHSS officials. Mr

Byrne said yesterday that he resigned the day after the Prison Officers' Association discovered his identity. "I feared physical and psychological reprisals", he said. "I served only one day of the said only one day of the said.

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Mr. Chastopher Price, Labour MP for Lewisham, West, vice-chairman o the all-party Mental Health Group, said there appeared to be strict codes among staff about what was

Nurses in the special hospitals belong to the Prison Officers Association or no organization at all. At Broadmoor some

time ago a student nurse tried to ser up a Royal College of Nursing group. The attempt

The allegations are under

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent Some patients at Broadmoor special hospital are brutally treated, and some staff are intimidated by a small group of bullying nurses, it was said in London yesterday.

London yesterday.

Allegations of ill-treatment, including the use of electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), in one case without anaesthetic, known among patients as the "punishment box", were made at a press conference given by the National Association for Mental Health's Mind campaign.

Two nurses who recently resigned from the staff. Mr Colm Byrne, a student nurse ar Broadmoor for two years, and Mr Tony Van Room, a staff nurse for four years, alleged hat 50 of the 500 nursing staff and a deplorable actitude to patients and, in the male wing, bout ten were "real sadists". Mr Tony Smythe, director of lind, said successive Secrearies of State knew about the ppalling conditions in the pecial hospitals, Broadmoor, ampton, Moss Side and Park

ane but took no action.

The two Broadmoor nurses ad been interviewed by lepartment of Health officials, and Mind had written to Mr arrick Jenkin, Secretary of tate for Social Services. His profoundly unsatisfactory profoundly unsatisfactory sply convinced them that othing much would be done nless the matter was made

The allegations would rub ff on many devoted nurses, but tere was no more oppressed inority than mental patients our special hospitals. They were unpopular, with proper complaints system id no one to speak up for tem. The allegations required is urgent reexamination of the

urgent reexamination of the A senior consultant psy-liatrist at the hospital, it was

Group seeks welfare pledge from Government

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent

MPs are urged foday to ask why the Government has no plans to reduce the numbers dependent on supplementary benefit or to provide claimants with adequate incomes.

Those points must be raised during the second reading debate today on the Social Security Bill, the Child Poverty Action Group says in a briefing to MP.

The Bill is intended to reform the supplementary benefits scheme, break the hink with earnings for increases in pen-sions, and to give the Government powers to implement the EEC directive on equal treat-ment for men and women in social security schemes. The Government has made clear that the Bill will not in-

crease social security expendi-ture or lead to many people being removed from the sup-plementary benefit scheme.

In its briefing, the groun struces that the Government is ignoring the advice of its officials in introducing a no-cost Bill since any effective reform The "bully boys" on the staff marked any nurse who did not agree with their attitude. A nurse could be isolated and left to cope alone with a difficult patient. must cost more. In addition, 1,805,000 claimants will lose money under the Bill and be made to pay for the few improvements it will introduce.

The Government should be asked to say whether it is aiming to reduce dependence on supplementary benefit in the long term and, if so, how it intends to achieve that aim. Much of the Bill is based on recommendations in Social Assistance, the review of the Assistance, the review of the supplementary benefits stehene carried out by officials at the Department of Health and Social Security. The review was strongly criticized by a number of influential bodies, including the Supplementary Benefits Commission.

The action group's briefing draws MPs' attention to the general opposition expressed to the idea that the supplementary benefits scheme should be adapted to a mass role at idea now to be implemented in the Bill.

"It is inexcusable that the Government has rejected the advice of the SBC and of the DHSS civil servants who carried out the review that the highest priority should be given to extending the long-term rate to the unemployed," it says. At the last count there were 215,000 unemployed claimants who had been on supplementary benefits for more than a year; that would be the new qualifying period for the higher long-term rate for all other claimants under pension age. The Bill is expected to be

opposed on second reading to-day by Labour MPs mainly pension increases to price rises. They are also concerned about the changes to the supple mentary benefits scheme, par-ticularly the proposal to make local social security officers the determining authority. for

Letters, page 13 related to



as a football pitch, at Edmonton, north London, in case of a big freeze

Environmental control reduces rate of industry's acute diseases

People at work have rising

expectations about their conditions: and will no longer tolerate those that were per-fectly acceptable 30 years ago, Dr Kenneth Duncan, Director of Medical Services at the Health and Safety Executive said The incidence of most acute

industrial diseases was falling because of environmental control, so occupational health workers in future would look more at ordinary diseases which could have been brought about by working conditions,

Dr Duncan, who was present-ing the Employment Medical Advisory Service's report for 1977 and 1978, said that such degenerative conditions as back-ache, high blood pressure and was worth considering which occupational factors affected

Backache and sciatica could be induced by poor lifting techniques. It was common in the retail trade and woodworking. High blood pressure could be

metals, such as lead, cadmium and mercury. Bronchitis could be connected with jobs that cause lung irritation because of the prevalence of dust.

The incidence of bronchitis among coal miners, however, was probably due more to poor living conditions than their jobs because their wives had the same incidence rate. Pneumo-coniosis had been steadily declining because of the reduction of coal dust levels.

Dr Duncan said that one of the most important tasks the service was undertaking was in establishing acceptable standards of exposure for workers to toxic substances. In the past, not enough trouble had been taken in putting sound bio-logical data into determining such standards.

He said · " If the science right, the end results will be wrong ". The report gives details of

work done in establishing standards for asbestos, asbestos substitutes, lead and carcinogens. It also outlines the survey commissioned by the service on the effects of white asbestos

and the service's own register of all workpeople exposed to

It gives examples of the service's case work. During 1977 and 1978 its doctors and nurses advised tattooists on sterile techniques, blacksmiths on how avoid occupational hernias. and women working in a woll-paper paste factory on how to prevent recurring nose bleeds.

In a prawn-peeling factory it was discovered that the jets of compressed air used for removing meat from prawn tails resulted in the workers suffer-ing respiratory difficulties. The service recommended that the technique be discontinued. The service also sold 7,000

copies of its booklet Occupa-tional Health Services: the Way Ahead and examined young people with medical employment difficulties and disabled work people through its rebabilitation and fitness for schemes.

Health and Safety Employment Medical Advisory Service Report 1977-78 (Stationery Office, £1 plus postage. ISBN 0 11 883292 1).

Gloomy background to housing Bill

By John Young Planning Reporter

The Government's housing Bill is to be published today against the gloomiest background for many years. New building in the public and private sectors has shown a steady decline and the present mortgage interest level, although it has brought a rapid hadt to price inflation, has entailed considerable hardship and disappointment. Ministers claim not to be worried unduly by the fall in the number of buildings being

started because capital spend-ing is being diverted to renoing is being diverted to renovation schemes. Of that, however, there is little evidence. What is only too clear is that private home improvement has been seriously inhibited by available grants failing to keep pace with inflation, despite last month's relaxation in the eligibility rules.

Although Mr John Stanley is seen as an amiable and sympathetic minister, the Government's only real initiative in the seven months since it took office has been to affirm its in-

a statutory right to buy their bornes. It would also like to extend guarant a similar right to housing assobiliding ciation tenants; but there are buyers.

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difficulties with those associa-tions, about half of which are registered as charities and which are legally unable to per-mit their beneficiaries to make

financial profits.
It would also be impossible apparently to give tenants of non-subsidized associations the right to buy without extending the same right to those who rent their homes from private landlords. Difficulties also arise with associations formed

as cooperative or co-ownership

projects. Restrictions are likely to be applied to the sale of council properties in national parks, which would otherwise attract which would otherwise attract second-home buyers, and of houses built for special needs, such as those for the old and handicapped. But fear, are discounted that villages will rapidly lose their small stocks of publicly owned homes to

Aside from the predictable opposition of the Labour Party and of a section of the housing lobby, many people would welcome steps to release more land owned by local authorities and public undertakings for private housing. That would tie in neatly with Mr Stanley's recent promise to permit councils to guarantee mortgages granted by building societies to first-time

Leasehold reformers seek changes to avert crisis

Leasehold reform campaigners in Britain are hoping the Government's housing Bill will contain two amendments to the present laws to avoid a cruel nousing crisis in big inner city areas. Without those changes, the campaigners say, thousands

areas. Without those changes, the campaigners say, thousands of people, mainly elderly, face the prospect of being evicted from homes they thought they owned.

The crisis has its most in The crisis bas its roots in the industrial revolution when landowners in cities like Car-diff and Birmingham leased builders to erect terraced houses to accommodate workers who served the iron and coalmasters. Those leases are expiring and the houses will become the property of the freeholders who are in many cases his persion.

are in many cases big pension funds or charitable trusts. Miss Susan Finch, of the Welsh Leasehold Reform Campaign said: "Under present law many leaseholders are faced with demands of up to £4,000 to buy the freehold and

for old people on fixed incomes this is just impossible.

"If they opt to extend the lease for a further 50 years, thereby losing for ever the right to purchase the freehold, they face ground rent increases from E4 to \$300 a year for a property worth £8,000. Many ald neonle who can not afford the cost of freehold purchase and who cannot afford

to own their houses and will become tenants in them. they are unable financially to put their house in order before it is handed over they face

That, according to the cam-paigners, is particularly cruel for some leaseholders who let their properties, realize they have a declining asset and are most reluctant to carry out repairs or improvements.

Mr John Bretcher, aged 70,

which expires in two years' time. "I have asked to buy the freehold but was told that it would cost £3.100. There is no way I can raise that kind money on a pension, I won't know how much I

will have to pay in ground rent until the lease expires but people in this area renewing leases are now being asked to pay more than £150 a year. At the moment I pay £2.60 a year I am not even sure can afford an increase like that. If I cannot I will just have to give up my home to the landowners and become a tenant."

The reformers say the new housing Bill must establish the right of every leaseholder to purchase thus amending existing legislation which imposes the necessity of having lived in a property for five out of the past 10 years before the option is open.

a formula to be adopted to calculate freehold prices based on the gross ratable value and not the market value. Under the formula the free-

hold value of an inner-city terraced house worth £7,000 would be £385 against £1,085 on current valuation practice.

Environment tax

urged for heavy lorries

social environmental grounds, the railway and environmental pressure group, Transport 2000, says in evi-dence to the Armitage inquiry into road transport.

The Government should also pay the cost of connecting generators of industrial freight to either radways or waterways, and planning policies should artempt to locate freight generators close to rail and water transport.

cent, Transport 2000 says.

BA pleases East Midland elevision pressure group om Arthur Osman identity and for the provision of not only an adequate amount of programming relating to the East Midlands, but also a pro-

failed.

The East Midlands forum of unty councils said yesterday at contrary to reports of it ing "shocked" it had been reatly heartened" by a letter om Lady Plowden, chairman the Independent Broadcast-& Authority, about the future commercial television in the gion. In it she had acknowthat the region had eds and the authority was amining how they could best met within the context of

independent television which Leicestershire, colushire, Northamptonshire I Nottinghamshire, and Con-vative and Labour MPs, met dy Plowden to press the case separate commercial teleion company. It is the only ion in England under the vernment's designation of re-

ich wanted to break up mada's area in the Northt and East Midlands, would

unsuccessful because the

would make no big changes

Colin Slater; of Nomingishire County Council, said erday: "We have just reletter from Lady Plowand she says the authority, 'particularly recorded the

ston Martin ief in car fire

ir John Symonds, chief rutive of the Aston Martin spany, and Beryl, his wife, e taken to hospital yester-after their £20,000 Aston tin car was destroyed by a few miles from their at Deddington, Oxford-

hey crawled out in time and e taken to hospital at Ban-

gramme production centre within the region '". Mr Slater continued: Mr Slater continued:
"Clearly they are looking at these points on our behalf. We remain with good reason with a very substantial hope of get-

ting a greatly improved tele-vision service for the East Midlands. Whatever has happened to

the Lancastria consortiom has nothing to do with us. While Lady Ployden agreed to meet represents meet them. We are greatly heartened by her letter for it shows that she and her col-leagues have been deeply impressed by the case we made for the region."

Lady Plowden had been told that the best interests of the region's four million people ns that is not served by its by a company (ATV) also company.

t was reported yesterday the Lancastria consortium, It was said that ATV, with 13 counties to cover, had an almost impossible job

It is expected that the IBA will satisfy the region's aspira-tion's with a split franchise covering the Midlands. If ATV continues it is thought the authority will insist on a separate board of directors arate budget and a studio cen-The contracts will be advertised next month

Farmers' plea on drink-driving law The law should be changed

to allow farmers disqualified from driving for drinking offences to drive tractors on the road, a branch of the National Farmers' Union saysdisqualification created told a meeting of Montgomery county branch, Wales.

Cost of school meals to rise by 5p to 35p in February

By Our Education Correspondent The price of a school meal is to go up from 30p to 35p on February 4, Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, Secretary of State for Edu-cation and Science, announced in the House of Commons yes-

The increase will apply to children in all authorities. Entitlement for free school meals will remain unchanged. Yesterday's announcement does not affect the proposed changes in the law which will allow education authorities to charge what they like for a school meal, and which will restrict the statutory entitlement to a free meal to children in families receiving supplementary benefit or family income

upplement Many authorities have decided to increase their school meal charges to between 40p and 50p from next April; pro-

vided the Education Bill, going through its committee stage in the Commons, is law by then. The 5p increase would pro-

duce a saving of £30m a year The Government hopes that that will help authorities reach the target of £200m savings on school meals and milk in the financial year from April 1980. The Child Poverty Action Group described the decision as a further bitter blow for families. School mesi charges had gone up by 40 per cent in the last four months, it said. Child benefits were losing value

rapidly because of inflation. Mr Alistair Lawton, chairman of the Association of County Councils' education committee and vice-chairman of the Council of Local Education Authori ties, welcomed the decision. Local authorities had been ask ing Mr Carlisle for an increase since November.

Man gets five years for crossbow attack

James Ryan, who was said to have tried to kill his bride's lover with a crossbow, was jailed at Winchester Crown Court yesterday for five years.
The court was told that Mr
Ryan, aged 38, of Blackfriars
Way, Salisbury, Wiltshire,
learnt that his wife Janet, aged
29, slept with her lover, Vivien
Sims, six days after their wedding. He was convicted of trying to murder Mr Sims, aged

After Mr Sims had told Mr Ryan to leave the matrimonial home, Mr Ryan bought the crossbow and bolts, it was stated. Mr Sims escaped death by inches when Mr Ryan fired the bow.

The bolt grazed Mrs Ryan under the left breast, although Mr Ryan did not intend harming her. He admitted causing his wife bodily harm, but denied attempting to murder

Naval officer is cleared on drunkenness charge

who invited senior ratings into the ship was in harbour at Ardrossan, Stratbelyde, in Ardrossan, Stratbelyde, in October, during the exercise Highland Fling, was cleared by a naval court martial at Devonport yesterday of a charge of drunkenness. Lieutenaut-Commander

don Hunter, aged 43, a Royal Naval Reserve officer and in civilian life a Bristol traffic engineer, was found guilty of neglecting his duty and sen-tenced to be severely repremanded.
It had been alleged that a

senior officer from the base at Troon visited the minesweeper Venturer as a result of distur-bing reports and found the captain, a junior officer and a senior rating the worse for Lieutenant-Commander Hun-

ter, who denied being drunk, or

neglecting his duty, said there had been no excessive drinking. He said he had invited senior ratings into the wardroom to show some appreciation of their efforts when the minesweeper had trouble with hydraulic eguipment.

Lieutenant-Commander Simon Stone, for the prosecution, said yesterday that it was not part of his case that the senior duty rating bad been drunk. Lieutenant-Commander Hunter said he had had an injection

for toothache a few hours before the wardroom drinks and said it was possible the local anaesthetic had affected his speech. He denied an allegation by the squadron commander that his ship was in disarray Captain Edwin Marks, in charge of the Severn Division of the Royal Naval Reserve, described Lieutenant-Comman der Hunter as one of the most competent commanding officers.

By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent Operators of heavy lorries should be made to pay not only the vehicle's full track costs but also a substantial extra tax on

Heavy lorries are environmentally disastrous and dangerous, Transport 2000 says. During the past 10 years fuel consumption per ton-mile of road freight increased by 8 per



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should proceed no further.

Six Michael Bavers (Merton, Wimbledon, C), in his long statement, said:

In 1978 the then Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Dr David Owen) referred the Bingham report to the Director of Public Prosecutions to consider whether further enquiries consider whether further enquiries should be undertaken with a view to possible criminal proceedings for breaches of the Southern Rho-

for breaches of the Southern Rho-desia Sanctions Order. Shortly thereafter. leading and junior counsel were instructed by the Director to advise him whether, in the circumstances dis-closed by the report, criminal offences appeared to have been committed and, if so, by whom. It will be appreciated that the Bingham enquiry was neither a police investigation nor a trial, and it was not, therefore, conducted within the constraints of the cules t was not, therefore, conducted within the constraints of the rules of evidence or procedure applicable in a court of law.

able in a court of law.

In February 1968 and again in
February, 1969, meetings took
place between HM Government
and senior officers of Shell and
BP. The outcome of those meetings place between HM Government had been made in contravention of the senior officers of Shell and BP. The outcome of those meetings (described extensively in the Bingham report) appeared to have been interpreted by the oil companies, rightly or wrongly, as giving them tackt, if not express, approval to imporate what has become known as the "exchange" scheme whereby oil and petroleum reached Southern Rhodesia.

It was by no means clear whether and, if so, for precisely what length of time, the so-called

orn Rhodesia.

It was by no means clear whether and, if so, for precisely what length of time, the so-called "exchange" scheme was operated thereafter.
Against this background the

Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) appreciated that much more factual information and research into the legal problems were required in order to particularise offences, to identify the principal persons acting on behalf of the oil companies and to collect the amissible evidence. Accordingly a team of senior police officers was instructed to make further detailed inquiries, while counsel continued to review the material aiready available.

available.
Steps were taken in April, 1979, under Schedule 1 to the 1968 sanctions order to require the oil companies to produce all the relevant documents in their possession or under their control.

The DPP had to consider the

following matters:
(1) The material disclosed by the Bingham investigation was wholly insufficient for the purposes of a criminal trial. Direct evidence by witnesses or from proved documents would be needed.
(2) There was abundant material in the report which showed that, in the period following the meetings in 1968 and 1969, oil and petroleum products had been supplied direct by railway wagon to Southern Rho-

desia.

The question which arose in an The question which arose in an acute form, however, was whether it could be proved by the strict rules of evidence applied in the criminal courts of this country:

(a) which companies had in fact made these supplies;

(b) who, if any, among the officers, agents or employees of the companies during the relevant period were knowing parties to such supply.

It was also necessary to seek to determine whether these supplies

determine whether these supplies had been made in contravention of

(4) The available material dis-closed (and, indeed, the Bingham investigation found) that many of the principal officials concerned in the contraventions of the sanctions orders were not amenable to our jurisdiction.

Some who appear to have been

Some who appear to have been at the very centre of the operations had since died and others had retired. It was likely to prove difficult in the extreme to establish the complicity and knowledge of their successors.

(5) Whilst the prosecution might confine criminal charges to the years 1971-77, the defence would investigate the entire history of events from 1966 onwards. events from 1956 onwards.
Those events would cast their shadow over the whole case and this important factor would have a

a jury for as long as 12 months with all the risks that attend such an extended hearing.

The DPP has therefore reached

country, but abroad, and to all who have been concerned with clear breaches of law in this country.

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It is a matter of grave importance for those who are concerned ance for those who are concerned with the rule of law in domestic or with the rule of law in domestic or international matters, that on these matters, on the advice tended to the Attorney, it does not appear that we can deal with them in the proper way which is in the courts.

proper way which is in the courts. This is a matter of regret, Against that background, we will want to consider this further.

How many companies and individuals have been prosecuted so far on sanctions? What have been the penalties imposed? Is there not a danger that as is manifest in the conclusion which the Attorney has come to, the minnows have been

a further inquiry? a further inquity: Sir Michael Bavers—Other prosewritten answers in this House by me to some Labour MPs. An inquiry is a matter for the Prime Minister, I am unable to give the House any information.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selldrk and Peebles, L)—This is an extraordinary statement. Surely the impression he is leaving with the House is that justice and truth are commodities we can no longer afford? That is not good enough. The Government have had months to consider this matter, not just within the conflues of his

ral for trial proceedings and strict proof of the essential ingredients of the offences.

Also the trial itself might occupy a turn for as long as 12 months. a decision of the Director of Public Prosecutions acting within his proper duties. As to an inquiry, that is a matter for the Prime

The DPP has therefore reached the conclusion that further investigation and public expenditure a would not be justified and the matter should proceed no further.

I agree. (Labour interruptions.)

Mr John Morris, Opposition spokesman on legal affairs (Aberaton, Lab)—This is a matter of the DPP at the beginning or in the first week or so of last month.

I is thereafter that is a matter tor the Government has had months to consider this simply is not so. Counsel opinion was only delivered to the DPP at the beginning or in the first week or so of last month. discussion with me, reached the conclusion he has. conclusion he has.

It is not fair to say that the Government ought to be in a position today, when I have just made this statement, to give a firm commitment one way or grapher short

> ton, C)—If I heard him aright, the DPP has enunciated what I understand to be an entirely new princi-ple, namely that if a malefactor has retired—(Labour laughter)— he is now to be immune from

The Attorney said: " has either died or retired". I understand people who are dead cannot be prosecuted, but is this same doctrine to apply to burglars, that if they have retired—(renewed Labour laughter)—this is a serious point—there is immunity from prosecution? Is this to be a prece-dent across criminal life? conclusion which the Attorney has come to, the minnows have been dealt with, but that it is not possible to deal, for whatever reason with the big fish?

Will he recall that this House resolved that there should be an inquiry into the whole affair, but a contrary view was taken by the House of Lords? What is the view of the Government now as regards a further inquiry?

When he reads my statement he will understand that the major

will understand that the major problems, with so many individ-nals, is that they simply are not within the jurisdiction, and some of the others have died. of the others have their of the others have their spokesman on legal affairs (Abertillery, Lab)—As I understand it. Mr Maxwell-Hyslop goes to the root of the problem—that the rule of law is indivisible and applies as much in this country as it does overseas. It is wrong for the Conservative Party to be seen to be naving lin service to the rule, of paying lip service to the rule of law.
What are the extraordinary factors which mean that this trial could not be reached for some-

Will he publish the names of those listed in the Bingham report and its schedules who. In the opinion of the authors, were vulnerable to triminal prosecution—both persons and companies. Sir Mithield Havers A huse amount of divestigation would be necessary, in the materi of Shell (Mozambique) alone if one wanted to my to prove the movement of wagons of all from Mozambique to Reodesia, it would be uncersury to have freight documents; pashaps necessary to would be micessary to have freight
documents, perhaps necessary to
call railwaymen and there would
be no power to enforce the production of documents or the
presence of those workmen.

There are 14,000 files obtained as
a result of the request of the Director of Public Prosecutions from
two off companies. We are told
that the number of documents in
these files probably exceeded
250,000 papers.

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They would all have to be looked at and any lawyer in the House would know that a lewyer could not go to court in the case without seeing, every one of those documents. It would not be right not to do that. That is only one ground.

That is only one ground. That is only one reason which has prompted the DPP to come to the conclusion he has. They are wellknown and recognized proce-

dures.
Mr Gordon Wilson (Duadee East. Scot Nat)—Coming on the heels of the Blunt affair, may we now believe that if Mr Nixon had been head of state in the United Kingdom, sheltered by the establishment, he would have got off scotfree? (Laughter and interruptions and cries of "He lost his job".)

Bearing in mind the role played and cries of "He lost his job".)

Bearing in mind the role played by the courts in that affair, if he is not prepared to accept responsibility for procecuting offences against the United Kingdom as a whole, will he consult the Lord Advocate

about proceedings being taken in Scotland where court proceedings are generally shorter. Sir Michael Bayers—This was Sir Michael Havets—This was referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions and it is a decision for him to take. He has taken it. Mr. John Stokes (Helesowen and Stourbridge, C)—This report is out of date and has been superseded by events. Criticism of those concerned who acted on a collidate direction is further than the content of t political direction is futile

bondeat direction is ruthe humbing.

Sir Michael Havers—One matter which the DPP would have to consider is how old the offences, if they could be proved, are. Some matters which might be the subject of prosecution, go back 10 years years.
Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth,
Battersea, North, Lab)—He said
the decision was that of the DPP.
By saying he agrees with that
decision, is he sharing responsibility or disclaiming any responsibility for it?

House for his decision.

Mr. Ronald Bell (Beaconstreld, C)

Will he say if in the end there is to be any reward or recognition of those paintoid then who through these difficult years sustained the true British cause, all too often against British Course, ments?

ments:
There was no reply from the Amorney General but loud interruptions from the Opposition.

ruptions from the Opposition.

Mr Alexander Lyon (York, Lab)
Bringham was a lawyer. He
mounted in his report a considerable case of conspiracy not only
by individuals but by companes.
He based that on access to the
records then available.
In many court cases, one cannot
prosecute the full compans of the
fraud but one selects specific
ingredients that can be proved
and on that basis, the judge is and on that basis, the judge is able to give an appropriate sentence.

sentence.
Sir Michael Havers—Every case depends on its evidence. Bingham is not a report based on evidence which one could produce in court-Bingham had difficulties in mying to get documents from Mozambique.

to ger documents from Mozambique.

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North, Lab)—He has made it clear that under British law, the bigger, the crime the greater; chance there is of getting off. This is a shameful end to a shabby and shameful episode in British history.

What credit can the world give to Mrs. Thather's call for an economic boycott on Iran?

Six Michael Havers—This is a decision quite remote and divorced.

decision quite remote and divorced from any decision of the Government. It is a decision by the DPP.

Any comment to the contrary is a direct and totally unjustified attack upon the integrity of both counsel and the DPP who is totally important in these protections. counsel and the DPP who is totally impartial in these matters. Mr Frank Dobson (Camden, Holborn and St Pancras, South, Lab)—in his new role as the Santaclaus of the establishment, would the Attorney General cast his mind back to when he was talking about the Clay Cross councillors and as a report in The Times said, no democracy can survive when people decide to obey only laws that suit them. that suit them.

The decision he and the DPP have come to is a disgrace to our

him.

Sir Michael Havers— The only conclusion of that comment can be that I and the DPP acted in a political rather than an impartial way. I mustly reject that decision, is he sharing responsibility or disclaiming any responsibility for it?

Mr. Samuel Silkin (Southwark; Dulwich, Lab)—Now that the decision has been made by the DPP, it is to be for the chapit was a decision of the DPP and

said I agree. I was accepting equal responsibility with him and my matter was being considered by the Director to be made available for publication? for publication?

Sir Michael Bavers That is a marter for the Foreign Secretary.

matter for the Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Robert Cryer (Keisthley, Lab)

People directed will believe
there are two standards—one for
ordinary folk, and another for
beople in dish places.

If the crime is big enough, complicated enough with sufficient
documents, geople in high places,
well-connected by marriage or
relationship can set away; with
it. it. Sir Michael Havers—In every case

Sir Michael Havers—In every case brought by the Director or any prosecuting authority, whether the prospects of conviction are around 58-50 has to be considered. If not it is, rare that, such a prosecution is brought.

The bases involving complexity one has m consider another matter the huge expenditive of farther public, money with a strong likelifood, based on tomasel's advice, that the expenditure is is right that the expenditure involved is one of the matters to which the Director pays attention.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab)—The only reason the House was ever given for the non-publication of the third appen-dix was that criminal charges might follow

might follow.

It is not good enough now to say that publication of the appendix is a matter for the Foreign Office. It should come automatically. ally.
It is clear that the instructions

given by the then Foreign Secre-tary to the DPP referred to in the Bingham report regarding Cas-trol Ltd. were never followed through and that those instructions were ignored by civil servants. Sir Michael Havers—The whole attention of the Director, counsel and police officers engaged in the investigation has been concentrated on the mai numatters in the Bingham report. It would be only at the conclusion of that that any further consideration to other mat-ters such as the reference to Cas-trol would arise.

mol would arise.
Mr Phillip Whitehead (Derby,
North, Lab). The lesson the pub-lic will draw from this is that any-one who is accused of conspiracy stands up all right provided he has 20,000 files and can be guaranteed to occupy a jury for a year. reed to occupy a jury for a year.

Sir Michael Havers—One of the
matters that has to be considered
by any prosecuting authority is
the likelihood or not of conviction.
It was decided that the likelihood
of conviction was not such as to
justify going on.

Mr Tam Dalyel! (West Lothian,
Lab)—He had his middle shump
knocked out by Mr Maxwell
Hyslop who asked how retirement
grants immunity.

Is he saying that each of 14,000 documents has to I amined? Is he saying we not get information from Mozanhique if the Shell quarters here and in the N lands did not ask them for recognition? conceration; ,-

Sir Michael Havers It is no a matter of getting coope from Shell Mozambique bu-ting the documents and proof that might be require proof that might be required if the prosecuting authors his team did not go throug the documents and there was the document favourable to defence brought out for the cime in the middle of the by the defence, this might vide a different aspect to whole matter. (Labour crite Reprisement.")

Mr Peter Shore, chief Oppo spokesman on foreign and monwealth affairs, (I Hamlets, Stepney and Pc Lab)—Neither the House no country can accept this state as being a fitting end to wha been a disgrectful and dam: affair for the reputation of

affair for the reputation of country.

Does it mean that other in the pipeline relating to done to be dropped? If are not, how does he distinct the prosecuted and these wolfenders who apparently idifficult further to pursue?

Irrespective of the difficult there may be with procedult enormously reinforces the for a joint special committee. for a joint special committeethis House such as the H I this year. Sir Michael Havers-

Sir Michael Havers—I made quiries to see how many o prosecutions there were in pipeline. Many of them c through Customs and Exa There is one awaiting trial only two others in the pipel What I have said covers only matters referred to in the B ham report.

I shall see what he said at

I shall see what he said at an inouiry is considered.

Mr Michael English (Nottingh West, Lab) later unsuccessf sought an emergency debate the Attorney General's statem.

Re said it seemed the prac of giving immunity to trail was screading. The Attor was spreading. The Attor General was the only mini-whose actions could not be cussed before a Select Co

Parliamentary notices House of Commons

House of Lords Today at 11: Shipbuilding Bill Betting, Gaming and Lotteries - Ame ment: Bill. third readings. Adjourn Christmas recess.

Dutch security breach: Government have The United Kingdom exercised careful control over the export of all materials and components specially designed for nuclear facilities, Mr Norman Lamont. Under Secretary for the Consequences of what had become consequences because for the Consequences of what had become consequences of the consequences of

tally designed for interest the process of the added that an importance of the added play and importance of the added play an importance of the added play and other of the added play and importance of the added play and other of the added that doctors should be added that doctors

operate (he added) play an impor-tant part in furthering our non-proliferation objectives. Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) said the point of the debate, on security arrangements at the joint centrifuge project at Almelo in the light of the Khan espionage in the light of the Khan espionage affair, was the prospect of a Pakistani bomb and, related to that, a bomb in the hands of Colonel Gadaffi or an Ayatollah given a bomb for the sake of Islamic soli-

darity.
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responsibility apparently did not see fit to reveal to their West German and British colleagues that they knew that a security breach involving Dr Khan had taken place. The proverbial birds might have flown. On the other hand, if even at this stage certain key parts could be denied to Pakistan and other countries with a small industrial base, it might not be too late to do something about this spine-chilling proliferation of nuclear

Mr Lamont (Kingston upon Thames, C) said the Government

The Government had made it clear to the Netherlands govern-ment that it attached considerable importance to ensuring that there were no repetitions. This concern was firmly underlined by Mrs Thatcher at her recent meeting with the Netherlands prime minister. He assured her that everything The Bill was read a second time and completed its remaining

Tuesday's sitting ended 7.30 am Wednesday.

Information on dumping of

toxic poisons Mr Raymond Ellis (Derhyshire North-East, Lab) was given leave to introduce a Bill aimed at giving parish councils the right to consul-tation before twice regions of the parish before twice. tation before toxic poisons were dumped in their area, The Bill was read a first time.

He said it was strange that parish councils had the right to object to measures such as pro-posed housing developments, airports or motorways, and yet when t came to the infinitely more dan-gerous practice of dumping toxic waste the parish conneils not only did not have the right to object, they did not even have the right to

know.

In the village of Morton, Derbyshire, it was discovered that a licence had been granted to dump toxic poisons without suyone within the local authorities having any information at all.

This shroud of Mts secrecy around this operation caused alarm for his constituents and spread

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)

A national opinion poll taken A national opinion poil taken earlier this year showed that six out of 10 employees would be interested in having private medical cover as part of their terms of employment. This included 63 per cent of male manual workers.

It was hardly surprising that to include such cover in negotia-tions with employers. This was to be welcomed.

be welcomed.

The poll also revealed that nearly three-quarters of trade union members polled included nearly 70 per cent of national health service union members who believed either their unions should provide private medicine, or that they should take a wholly neutral stance. Only 11 per cent said it was the mb of their unions the context.

Labour supporters nearly living as many people belowed private prac-ure helped the NHS as thought it was a burden. (Labour shouts of-"Absolute nonsense".) "Absolute nonsense".)

Mr David Emals (Norwich, North, Lab), former Labour Secretary of State for Social Services—If the policy of any government is to be determined by what opinion polls say—at present they show this. Government to be unpopular—it would not be the way to take sensible decisions.

It also showed that even among

Mr Jenkins—I am seeking to answer a question. When I said the overwheiming majority of people believed in our policy Labour MPs said prove it. I have proved it. Conservative theers.)

The department had been unable.

to find any opinion poll which did not bear out what had been said. The presence of pay beds in hospitals generated considerable revenue for the NHS. Private patients in HNHS hospi-tals were expected to bring in £35m next year. When NHS spending was under restraint it was folly to throw good money away.

The last five years had seen the

biggest expansion of the private sector ontside the NHS since the sector outside the NHS since the war. Even if existing legislation remained in force, that expansion would continue.

The trend, pointing the way for the future, was important. The trend in acute private practice had been for minor procedures to take place in the private sector outside the NHS while unless to the place in the private sector outside

It was part of a free society that patients who wished to seek private medical treatment should be free to do so, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, said when he moved the second reading of the Health Services, said when he moved the second reading of the Health Services Bill.

He met loud Labour protests which had dead that doctors should not prejudice the interest, when he added that doctors should that these were views shared by the free to practice privately, and that these were views shared by the overwhelming majority of the British people. (Shouts of "Prove") and the public should be invited to otherwise. The Bill was likely to be a private sector for the NHS toom national taxation.

But once you allow people (he which had being the party political steam out of a some on health (Lewishar the progress towards the phasing out of pay beds. They should not prejudice that private practice in the health service some of the NHS trom national taxation.

But once you allow people (he which had helped to take some of the party political steam out of a provide the pressure to improve the NHS is should not prejudice for the whole community the pressure to improve the NHS is should not prejudice for the whole community the pressure to improve the NHS is and the past, Tory become, C) said, in regard to private practice, that both doctors and patients desired an element of the NHS trom national taxation.

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NHS.

Private practice should not prejudice non-paying patients. Subject to clinical considerations, earlier private consultation should not lead to earlier NHS admission. It was clearly recognized that it It was clearly recognized that it was an abuse of the system to use-private consultation as a device to gain earlier admission to hospital as an NHS patient. That would remove one of the major grounds

for complaint.

Standards of climical care and service provided by the hospital should be the same for all patients. should be the same for all patients. That meant that clinical considerations alone would govern the availability of treatment and care after admission to hospital for NHS and private patients alike. He believed the private sector could and should do more to contribute to the pool of trained people. This was a view widely held in the private sector. He had initiated talks with a number of private hospitals with a view to making a contribution to surse training.

training.

The Bill gave health authorities power to raise money from voluntary sources to supplement their funds. The NHS could not possibly meet all the demands that might be made upon it. The power to raise funds no more undermined the principle of a NHS free at the point of use than did the present power to accept voluntary sifer. point of use man do the present power to accept voluntary gifts. The Bill brought up to date provisions for the figuralial control of health authorities. It placed a duty on the authorides to contain their expenditure within the cash limit allotted together with any other sums received, for instance pay

spokesman on Health and Social Security (Salford, West, Lab), said the Bill would not help the NHS. His party disagreed vehemons Mr Stapley Orme, chief Opposition His party disagreed vehemently with its direction. with its direction.

It was the first step by the Government towards a two tier health service and it amounted to a private patients' charter.

It is an important step away (he said) from local democracy, accountability and form the said of the s said) from local democracy, accountability and from the princi-ple of health care free at the point

of use.

There was not sufficient democracy in the health service, they had to explore ways of achieving that. Labour, like the Royal Commission, wanted community health councils to be strengthened, even though the councils could be a suisance and crinicize. That was why they were created. But now, everything was being taken into the power of the Secretary of State,

industrial relations than any other single measure. There would be a return to There would be a return to queue-jumping at the taxpayer's expense. The green light for private hospitals would further undermine the NHS. Staff at all levels, already difficult to attract, would be siphoned off.

The financial provisions were radiculously rigid. They could only increase pressure at times to make panic cuts or lead to gross undersoendure.

interests of NHS patients must be the major criterion in deciding whether to allow further expansion of private medicine. The Opposition believed the ealth service, which even with all its problems was a credit to the nation, was under attack. The Opnation, was under attack. In op-position still held it as an our-standing postwar achievement. The Government would have a major-fight for Labour was defending something it created and believed in (Labour cheers.)

Mr Charles Morrison (Devizes, C) said that much too much theory and not enough practical thought was given to the reorganization in 1974.

Mr David Emnals (Norwich, North, Lab) said that in the seven months in which he had been Secretary of State Mr Jenkin had done his job as if he was still a Treasury minister. He had not shown the compassion which must illuminate anyone who had responsibility for a department concerned with the sick, disabled and weak. Mr Jenkin showed are excessive concern for showed an excessive concern for the private sector of medicine at the expense of the NHS. The private sector did act as a drain in many ways on the NHS. It lived off the NHS. The private sector did not incur the expenses of training its own doctors or nurses or otherstaff. In some areas the private sector could suck into its orbit doctors and nurses who were needed by the NHS. There was a a degree of subsidy because the capital element was not always sedequately covered.

The royal commission had said showed an excessive concern for The royal commission had said pay heds aroused strong emotions among health service workers including some junior doctors. Why should the Covernment at a time

when it and everyone who cared for the NHS wanted to see an improvement in Industrial relations, hit at a point which they knew was wounding to so many-who worked in it. Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L) said the health service could well do without another row

had tended to be at the up market end. What about introducing pri-vate beds at the cottage hospital

end of the spectrum. Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent South, Lab) said it was an abominable and thoroughly bad Bill which was irrelevant to the problems facing

the NHS.

The Government's economic policy went back to the 1930's but in the health service they were going back to the 1911. Lloyd George Act. The Bill was a queue jumpers charter.

Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C) said the Opposition, was working itself into a latter with almost a synthetic indignation about the nature of the Bill. The measure was intended to improve health service management and was not really about the morality of pay beds. If this was made the main issue it would sour discussions of the real issues involved.

Mrs Gwrneth Dunwoody (Crewe, Lab) said the Bill was all about giving a specific boost to private practice and also about the nostal-gia and dogma of the Tory Farty. Mr Paul Dean (North Somerset, C) said patients should not be used as said patients should not be used as bostages during strikes as happened last year. This was abhortent to fair minded people. The Government should try to ensure that pay beds were available where there was demand, effective use, and staff available. The reserve power of control over the private sector was sensible and practical.

Mr Andrew Bennett (Stockport, North, Lab) said he had a suspi-cion that some consultants used cion that some consultants used long waiting lists to try to boost the whole idea of private health insurance. The Bill should be

thrown out. thrown out.

Mr Richard Alexander (Newark, C) said that the reorganization of the health service in 1974 was a disaster. With hindsight no Government, Eabour or Conservative, would do the same again. The service had become combersome. He had been a member of an area health authority and, apart from the time, he had spent on the regional economic planning council, his time on the AHA was the least useful he had experienced in several years of public life.

Mr William Hamilton (File, Cen-

Mr William Hamilton (Flie, Centrai Lab) said the real purposes of the Bill were to undo the damage done by the previous Tory Govern-ment to the administrative machinery, switch the limited resources of personnel and finance

Minister contends that majority favour private medicine

There was indignation at the idea of a government trying to idea of a government trying ensure that a substantial part health service money was raised in appeals and collections. These were haphazard methods. The richer the area the more money would be raised; the poorer the area, the less money. The public would give for the more giamorous needs. As money came in any Chancellor would start to

glamorous needs. As money came in any Chancellor would start to cut the central subvention to the NHS. Greater opposition would come from Labour on private practice, proposals. These put the consultant who offered his services to care human bodies in the same position as the auctioneer who offered his services to buy and sell cattle in the market place. (Conservative protests.) vative protests.)

Sir George Wanng, Under Secretary for Heafth and Social Security
(Ealing, Acton, C), said that any money raised by local volumary fund raising would be an addition to the allocation made by the Secretary of State. There was no question of any clawback.

The Consequent were majorato. The Government were maintaining next year's expenditure on the MBS ser by Labour an it would be fully compensated for this year's

When the Bill was on the statute lok the NHS would book the NHS would have greater protection against possible adverse effect from private practice than it ever had for the whole of the time form 1964-70.

It was mikely that pay beds which had been phased out would now be restored because so many of the beds were not used. While the consultative paper clearly pointed to cut backs in the bureaucracy and reductions in management costs, it recognized the need to treat the staff of the NHS fairly and openly. The programme for implementing the changes proposed in the consultachanges proposed in the consulta-tive paper had been formed with a view to limiting disruption and minimizing the impact on staff. Most of the uecessary staff reductions could be handled through natural wastage. This was one of the reasons a fairly lengthy timetable was proposed both for restructuring and for the subsequent review of management arrangements, though there might have to be some redundancies. nave to be some redundancies.

The relationship between the publ and the private sectors of medicine should be one of partnership and the policy of separate development embarked on by the previous administration was misguided.

The Bill was read a second time

place in the private sector outside the NHS, while urgent or more specialized procedurus remained in NHS hospitals. That trend was likely to be continued. It was silly, if pay heds were going to remain indefinitely in the health services. had been threatened by Thames Valley police with the Official Secrets Act if they made them going to remain indefinitely in the In principle, the Opposition health services, that Parliament would like a health service wholly about private medicine. The Gov-

House of Lords
In terms of overseas communication, the British Council should
have a crucial role in the industrial
and economic plans of the Government, Lord Hatch of Lusby (Lab)
said in opening a debate on the
Government's plans for the council
in view of public spending cuts.

He said the council's budget was
the but it is not come but. to be cut by 11.5 per cent, but, because of redundancies and other factors, the real cut would be 14

This would mean fewer books supplied to overseas libraries, and British Council scholarships could be haired. Other fellowships and interchanges would come to an end. Promotion of the arts would found to enable the council to have to be cut by 25 per cent—and exports of arts made a profit for Britain.

one of the principle agents capable of making Brimin's contribution to international culture. It created a climate for the sale of British goods and services.

Communwealth. The council was for another day. The British Counspreading knowledge of the English language the council had the great advantage that is most

But he hoped ways would he found to enable the council to fulfil its purposes overseas because they paid a handsome dividend.

cli was a presence, an identifica-tion with everything this country was supposed to stand for. Viscount Eccles (C) said that in-

countries it was not looked on as a branch of the British embassy of British Government.
The council should either itself The council should either itself engage more widely in the direct teaching of English or go into partnership with the private agencies for this purpose. He wanted an assurance that whatever caus the Government had decided to make this was an instrument they could not afford to cut down.

He invited the Government to say something generous that could be conveyed to the council staff so that they realized that, whatever the cuts, it was an organization that was wanted, in which they could have confidence and could continue to serve. The council was a valuable organization that worked on a most economical basis. It con-ducted its affairs on a basis of exemplary economy. Not a penny

It did a job of cork which was immensely valuable in terms of trade. To economize on it was an awful mistake. Lord Treignane (C); Lord in Walth a ing, said the British Council's work

whatever cuts might be adminis was highly calred. No one could tered. But that any implimion depy that reductions would be could survive the treatment it had painful, but the national economic well-being must take priority.

The Government wanted to avoid as far as possible the closure of the council's representances abroad, so a greater share of the reduc-tions had fallen on such things; as the Council's capital works pro-gramme, supplies and services, and home-based activities.

tad been taken by the Council lessif, and it had cooperated with admirable public spirit in identifying areas where savings might be made made.

An inter-departmental review of the British Council had been set up and its report would be made public.

Detailed decisions on reductions

Battle tank for next century

The United Kingdom's new main battle tank, the MBT-80, would best match the Warsaw Pact armoured threat into the next century, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal Minister of State for Defence, said at question time. The Government had been asked The Government had been asked by Lord Hill-Norton whether any of the Nato aliles intended to adop the United Eingdom design Lord Stratheons and Mount Royal replied that they were engaged in the first stage of development—the project definition phase—of the MBT-80 shich would start to replace the Chieftain in the late 1980s.

It has not proved possible (he added) to collaborate with any of our Nate allies on the design of a

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BRITISH GAS

The aim of the Bill was to give parish councils the right to know what was going on at the bottom of their own garden. Debate on Broadmoor prison refused Gas is a very safe fuel-at least as safe as any other. It has to be, because it is the most popular source of heat in British homes. In fact, over 14 million homes use gas. But, like any fuel, it must be treated with respect. So, if you smell gas, please follow these simple safety rules. • Don't operate electrical switches-on or off. • Do open doors and windows, to get rid of

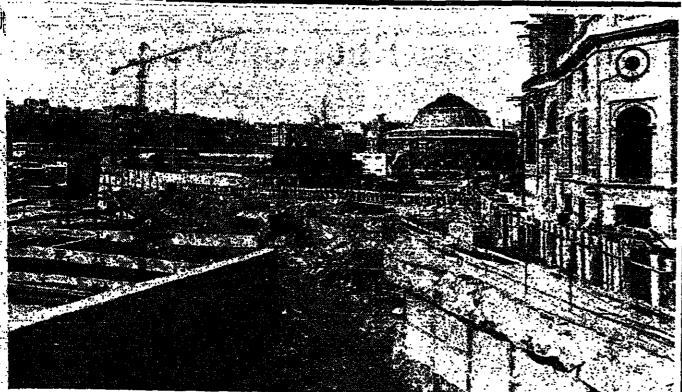
refused an application by Mr Reg Race (Haringey, Wood Green, Lab) for an emergency debate on allegations of brutality and harsh treatment of patients at Broadmoor prison.

Mr Race said he understood that purses who recently worked there and who had made the allegations

Capital projects to bear brunt of British Council cuts

Lord Gladwyn (L) said the most damaging effect would be on schol-arships financed by the Council, which would be cut by about half, for disadvantaged members of poorer countries whom it was firitain's bounden duty to support.

exports of arts made a profit for they paid a handsome dividend. Lord Goodman, deputy chairman Britain. He was concerned about the Lord Richie-Calder (Lah) said and a member of the executive of effects of the cuts on the teaching that one could not motiball culture British Council, said the council of English and on links with the fure wrap it up and put it away cil would continue to operate.



isians' view of the big hole which once was the site of Les Halles and which now is taking a long time to fill,

hirac plan for Les Halles unveiled early

s, Dec 19

et another plan for the velopment of the biggest in Paris—on the site of former markets, Les Halles is unveiled yesterday by M
ues Chirac, the city's
r. Unlike the one scrapped
than a year ago by M
ac it is on a small scale
h is meant to harmonize the surrounding buildings. sponsibility for developing site was handed over to lity of Paris and M Chirac rather poisoned gift by dent Giscard d'Estaing in ist of last year. The design ad selected by the Spanish tect, Ricardo Bofill had into strong opposition on ground of its monumental true character on a scale rn character on a scale 1 was said to be designed ake it a monument to the

Chirac knew that he was making a considerable rod for his own back. He has sought to work discreetly since then to pull together a design both worthy of the site and in keeping with the city's finances.

He failed to do the work secretly enough, however, because the Syndicate for Architecture found out what was going on and issued details to the press yesterday, thus for-cing M Chrac to show his project a month before he planned to do so.

The result is that the model for the new proposed develop-ment still lacks a south side. ment sull lacks a south side, as this has not been completed in M Chirac's mind Presumably it will be so by the original unveiling date of January 15.

The model so far shows a long housing development along the rue Rambureau by the French architects, Michel

Ducharme, Christian Larras, Jean-Pierre Minost and Jean Cheron. It is high enough to mask the only building at present above ground level on the site, a 90ft high concrete bunker housing the machinery which provides essential services to the underground arcades built into the huge hole. The design, with bow windows and zinc roofs, is a modern imitation of traditional modern imitation of traditional

For the east side along the rue Pierre Lescot, the fifteenth design drawn up in the past year by the architect, Jean Willerval has been accepted. A fantasy of meral vaults and glass-covered pavilions it seems to owe not a little in its to owe not a little in its inspiration to the wrought-iron market "umbrellas" that were pulled down when the site was first levelled. Their object is to provide a covered and at the same time open setting for

The garden in the centre designed by Louis Arretche with the cooperation of the sculptor François Lalanne, is to contain persolas covered with vegeta

pergoias covered with vegetation on a raised terrace along
the rue Berger.

M Chirac claimed yesterday
that the new design was the
result of the work of the best
French architects available. He protested strongly that he had in no way taken the place of the professionals in assembling the design, but had merely made decisions at the appro-

priate moments.

The Syndicate of Architecture called its own press conference later to say that in their view M Chirac had made his decisions at the wrong moments. They complained about the incoherent juxtaposition of designs, and protested about the way in which everything so far had been done in secret.

eluctance at Vatican to discuss ban

Peter Nichols

wn press agent, but even is not altogether a valid Father Kung's work as a Cathogiven the arrival of the sown latest began to the sown latest begi

within the Roman Catholic Church, whether the issue is s best comments on the seen as a question of mutual charity between the official hans Kung were made hierarchy and the theologians or the view is held that the two nded. Today there is a sides should provide a mutual tance to talk about the stimulus.

tance to talk about the stimulus.

Put another way, an Italian ging of the shoulders as accept that the days of had never heard of a Catholic whose faith had been damaged by the writings of a theologian while he knew of many who admirers remarked insists had record strongly against admirers remarked, insists had reacted strongly against eing provocative and now steps of censorship taken by has changed. And be the ecclesiastical authorites, better to spend more. This was one of the hazards do better to spend more This was one of the hazards reading and less in talking which the Pope faced when re are also suggestions approving the statement issued

s own latest long-playing did not attempt an analysis of lin the shops for Christ Hather Küng's work but rejected him because he had refused

book, but he does not find time (as Professor Edward Schillebeecks did) to obey the Vari-can's summons to appear and answer objections to his views.

picture.
Father Küng wrote a long personal letter to the Pope, asking him not to reimpose traditionalist views and behavignored. The extraordinary element is that Father Küng has not been able to find out whether his letter was ever received by the Pope. Decision attacked: The World Council of Churches issued a the action taken against Pro-

But that is not the whole

fessor Kung.
"The dispute is in essence concerned with the issue of authority in the church which has become the most sensitive point in ecumenical theological discussion", the council said.
"The action taken against Pro-fessor Küng, therefore, cannot be regarded simply as an internal affair of the Roman

Catholic Church but has imme the authorities to deal with. He diate ecumenical repercussions."

In brief

Suspicion over envoy's death

Stockholm, Dec 19.—Two Swedish newspapers said that the death in hospital here on Monday of the Zaire Ambassa-Monday of the Zaire Ambassa-dor to Sweden, Colonel Dong Yemo Mobutu, younger brother of President Mobutu, was accompanied by symptoms typical of poisoning. The Swedish Foreign Ministry said the Ambassador had asked for extra police protection shortly before his death.

TV strike stopped

Bonn, Dec 19.-A four-hour strike of West German television and radio employees was stopped almost at the last minute tonight by court order.

Europe tries again Paris, Dec 19. — A second attempt to launch the European spacecraft Ariane will be made on Sunday, according to a state ment from the space centre at Kourou in French Guiana. The

first attempt, on Saturday, failed.

Colour bar fine

Paris, Dec 19.—A French hotel-keeper who refused a room to black American jazz pianist "Champion" Jack Dupree was given a two-month suspended prison sentence and a 2,000 franc (£260) fine for racial discrimination by a Paris court. She was also ordered to pay damages.

Terrorist jailed. 15 years for Stockholm siege

From Patricia Clough Bonn. Dec 19 Siegfried Haag, a leading slegified riang, a leading terrorist and lawyer, was sentenced to 15 years jail in Stuttgart today for his part in a raid on the West German Embassy in Stockholm in April,

1975. Twelve diplomats and staff members were held hostage in the embassy by terrorists demanding the release of 26 comrades held in West Germany. Two diplomats were shot dead before Swedish police

moved in. Haag was found guilty of aid-ing and aberting the seizure of hostages, the murders and the attempt to put the West German Government under duress. The court found be had not participated in the raid but procured

France puts its ministers on horsepower rating

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 19 The joys of motoring for a French civil servant are unlikely ever to be the same

again. A long memorandum almed at energy saving has been cir-culated from the office of M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, setting out strict new rules and regulations about who can drive what kind of car

and when. From now on, the edict says, M. Barke, who uses an aging no-one below ministerial rank 11 hp Citroen DS, is not making or its equivalent can have a
Government car producing
more than 7 hp.
Ministers, along with the

Vice-President of the State Council, the Grand Chancellor of the Legion of Honour, the ministers and civil servan senior presidents of the will not disappear until th Supreme Court of Appeal and are in need of replacement.

the Audit Office, the prosecutors for these two courts and the Government's own Secretary General are authorized to have cars up to 11 hp but no higher. The rules are not to be confined to Paris. The memorandum has been sent to all the prefects of France to advise them that while they are personally allowed to buy 11 hp cars, everyone else within their

it compulsory for the state fleet of 13,912 cars to be changed overnight. This means that the big 15 hp Peugeot 604S and Renault R30s, which are the favourite issue for senior ministers and call computer. ministers and civil servants. will not disappear until they

OVERSEAS

Bishop Muzorewa persuaded to sign ceasefire agreement after assurances by Governor

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Dec 19

Bishop Abel Muzorewa. leader of the United African National Council (Uanc), today ended his brief resistance against signing the Lancaster House agreement.

At a meeting Lord Soames, the Governor, assured him there had been no substantive changes in the terms of the ceasefire agreement which was initialled by the leaders of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alli-ance earlier this week.

Bishop Muzorewa, accompanied by members of the former Salisbury Government of "national unity" and by Lieutenant General Peter Walls, commander of combined opera-tions, will leave for London tomorrow afternoon. The formal signing is expected to take

place on Friday.

Yesterday, Bishop Muzorewa
announced he was delaying his
return to London until he received clarification of news reports regarding concessions allegedly made by Britain to persuade the Patriotic Front to accept the ceasefire terms. These clarifications now have been made.

Today, Government House, responding to the Bishop's explanation for delaying his departure, issued a statement aimed at correcting "misunder-standings" published in the Rhodesian press about what had taken place in London.

From Our Own Correspondent

Rhodesian television viewers were afforded the unusual spectacle last night of seeing (or rather hearing) Mr Joshua Nkomo, co-leader of the Patrioric Front, being inter-

viewed on the telephone by a reporter from the Zimbabwe Rhodesia Broadcasting Corpora-

tion (ZRBC) television network.

have become as accustomed to seeing Mr Nkomo's bulky form on their screens almost as regularly as British political

leaders, this may not seem un-

But virtually since the uni-lateral declaration of independ-

ence in 1965, Mr Nkomo and

most other nationalist leaders, who in the past have been classified as "terrorists" by the

authorities, have been banned from appearing (and often even being referred to) on the state-

controlled broadcasting system.

One of the rare occasions that film of Mr Nkomo was actually

was when he laughed while being questioned by a BBC interviewer about the shooting

down of an Air Rhodesia Vis-

count. Yet there he was last night fielding hostile questions with considerable skill to the extent that he no longer appeared quite the monster many people thought him since the airline crash.

Mr Nkomo's interview was

perhaps the clearest indication

so far of the changes taking

recent arrival of the British

governing group in Salisbury.

noi, Soviet chess grandmaster, was sentenced to two and a half years in a labour camp by a Leningrad Court today for evading military call-up, his mather and

Mrs Bela Korchnoi, speaking

place at the ZRBC since the

To British audiences, who

Salisbury, Dec 19

usual,

'Terrorist' now 'guerrilla'

in Rhodesia broadcasts

sion to increase the number of Party (ZDP) headed by Mr assembly areas for Patriotic James Chikerema today pre-Front fighters from 15 to 16 had sented a petition to Government been taken after consultation House calling on Lord Soames with all delegations at the Lancaster House talks.
The statement also said it

was incorrect that Lord Soames had been instructed by the British Government to open new assembly areas wherever the Patriotic Front could produce 1,000 or more combatants. These would be created only if guerrillas assembled in numbers presser than could be dealt with greater than could be dealt with at designated assembly places,

and this was considered un-likely, it added.

Continuing his meetings with the country's political, civil and military leaders, Lord Soames today had his first contact with the internal representatives of the Patriotic Front-Mr Cephas Msipa representing Zapu and Mr Maurice Nyagumbo representing Zanu.
Mr Msipa said the talks dealt

with the continuation of the ban on the Patriotic Front, allegations of intimidation by security force auxiliaries, harassment of Patriotic Front supporters by the police and the confiscation of party property by the authorities when Zapu and Zanu were banned 15 months ago.

Lord Soames gave no firm undertakings but undertook to

look into these matters. Mr Msipa said. He added that Lord Soames told him he would be firm but impartial

Another is that news bulletins

no longer refer to the Patriotic Front as "terrorists" but more

arriving to take over as Governor a British delegation began top-level talks with the ZRBC over ways of ensuring

that its news and current affairs coverage during the

forthcoming election campaign was more balanced than in the

past, when the radio and television stations were little

more than the propaganda arms of the Government.

arms of the Government.

The British team, led by Mr John Hall, deputy director of films and television at the Central Office of Information, has been at pains not to appear to be dictating policy to the ZRBC.

is not for me to tell them how to run their station", he says. "The changes that

Mr Hall and ZRBC repre-

sentatives are examining ways of making relevision and radio

presentation as fair as possible

during the election. This means working out how party

political broadcasts will be allocated, giving the broadest

possible news coverage of the election campaign and decid-ing the extent of political

advertising.

A big step towards giving the ZRBC's news coverage impartiality will be taken soon by broadcasting a BBC World Service news bulletin each day.

news agency Tass in its Eng-lish service, but the report did

not say what sentence was

last month after almost a year in hiding.

Mrs Korchnoi, speaking by telephone, said: "The verdict was that Igor was an especially

dangerous criminal who must be isolated from society.

He was arrested in Moscow

advernising.

Korchnoi's son jailed for

Moscow, Dec 19.--Igor was reported by the official Korchnoi, son of Viktor Korch- news agency Tass in its Eng-

evading military service

Within a day of Lord Soames

neutrally as "guerrillas'

to end the payment of salaries and expenses to former minis-ters, senators and MPs from the last Parliament.

The petition pointed out that, for example, Ministers who remain nominally at their posts but who have handed over their powers to the Governor would continue to draw a salary and expenses based on £19,333 a year and other allowances until independence.

The petition stated that the payment of unearned salaries not only constituted a gross misuse of public funds, but gave the recipients an unfair advantage in the coming election.

Mr Chikerema told a press conference that he and the six ZDP members who sat in the last Parliament would ston receiving their salaries from the end of this month. If Lord Soames failed to take any

Soames failed to take any action he would take the matter to court. He added, Rev Ndabaningi Sithole's Zanu party has made similar complaints.

A military statement today announced the deaths of three more white civilians. Two were

more white civilians. I wo were killed near Penhalonga in the eastern border region, where they worked, and the third was blown up by a landmine near Eulawayo, The deaths were also reported of one member of the security forces, five black civilians and four lians, eight guerrillas and four "collaborators".

little concern at threat of US blockade

Iran shows

Tehran, Dec 19

Tens of thousands of Iranians followed the hearse carrying Ayatoliah Muhammad Minfateh Ayatolian Munammad Miraten
past the gates of the occupied
American Embassy in Tehran
today in a display of grief for
the Islamic rheologian who was
murdered in the city yesterday.
The ritual mourning of one
of Ayatollah Khomeini's closest

aides-whose death is regarded by the Revolutionary Council as the word of the American Cen-tral Intelligence Agency-might tral Intelligence Agency—might have prompted the mourners to invade the combassy where 50 staff are still being held hostage. But Iranian anger is a carefully controlled phenomenon which usually stops short of outright aggression. Today, for instance, there was no official reaction to reports that the United States was threatening to take "nonviolent military action" against Iran if the hostages were put on trial. were put on trial.

An economic blockade enforced by the American Sixth Fleet—for that is presumably what non-violent military what "non-violent military action" would principally entail — would halt Iran's exports of oil to Japan and the West although Iranian oil and gas could still flow through the pipelines to the Soviet Union.

Iran is dependent on its food

Iran is dependent on its food imports, which cost the country \$1,000m a year and amount to 20 per cent of its sugar, 33 per cent of its rice and 80 per cent of its rice and 80 per cent of all yearships its rice and 80 per cent of all yearships its rice and 80 per cent of all vegetable oil. However, the United States-

once a principal supplier of wheat and rice—cut back its wheat and rice—cut back its imports when American dockers refused to load ships bound for Iranian harbours, Pakistan and Thailand now export foodstuffs to Iran and the Americans would be unable to interfere with land traffic from Pakistan. Likewise, East European imports would continue to flow

A naval blockade, therefore, while it may look physically impressive—and while it may sound persuasive in the mouth of a White House press spokesman—could take a long time before it made any obvious impression on the Iranian economy. Besides, ships which chose to ignore a blockade would face the Americans with an agonising decision: placing a cordon sanituire around a country's territorial waters is one thing—opening fire on unarmed merchant ships is

ing lifted sanctions against the Security Council was not return of Rhodesia to

sanctions by the end of the week. Soames adviser: Mr Robert

of the European Parliament for Upper Thames, has become tem-porary personal adviser to Lord Soames (David Wood writes). son three weeks ago to join him in Salisbury as an adviser, the role he played while Lord Soames was Vice-President of the EEC Commission responsi-

ble for External Affairs. Mr Jackson, who was born in Johannesburg and brought up in Rhodesia, will be unpaid. Sanctions lifted: Canada and West Germany have announced lifting of sanctions against lifting of sanctions against Rhodesia, and Switzerland intends to do so in the new year.

Ceremony opens road to Zimbabwe By David Spanier

Diplomatic Correspondent

The signing of the Rhodesian ceasefire agreement is set for noon tomorrow at Lancaster House. Added piquancy will be given

to the occasion by the presence of Mr Ian Smith, the man who made Rhodesia's unilateral declaration of independence 14 years ago, who is expected to be in the delegation accompanying Bishop Muzorewa on his return to London today.

The short ceremony, will set

in train events leading to inde-pendence for the new country of Zimbabwe next March. One of the first acts which

Lord Soames, the Governor, will take, is to lift the ban on Zanu and Zapu, the political parties of the Patriotic Front, and so in carried out at their own voll-tion. But they are sensible enough to see which way things are going in the coun-try."

or the Patriotic Front, and so in effect launch the election cam-paign in Rhodesia.

The first RAF Hercules took

of the British and Common-wealth ceasefire monitoring force expected to begin as soon as the agreement is signed

Meanwhile, a United Nations General Assembly resolution on sanctions condemning Britain and the United States for hav-Rhodesia instead of acting in being taken very seriously in London, which considers that the underlying reason for sanctions has been removed with

legality.
It is expected that
Security Council will

Tackenn Conservative member Lord Soames asked Mr Jack-

ports would continue to flow freely across the frontiers from the Soviet Union and Turkey.

quite another. The Americans could per

haps jam Iran's telephone and radio systems which rely on satellite communication. But President Carter would probably think twice before breaking the communications of a country with which he himself is auxious to communicate

The most pressing communi-cations problem in Iran just now must be how the students in the embassy are going to cope with the hundreds of sackfuls of Christmas mail which have arrived from the United States for the hostages. Among the latest mail to arrive in Tehran is a 10ft by 64ft Christmas card, which appears to have been signed by the entire population of Panama City, Florida Ambassador "arrested": The students occupying the American Embassy announced on television tonight that Iran's

Ambassador to Scandinavia, Mr Abbas Amir Entezam, was arrested yesterday on the strength of documents found in strength of documents found in the Tehran embassy linking him with the Central Intelli-gence Agency (CIA). Mr Entezam was Deputy Prime Minister in the provi-sional government of Mr Mehdi Bazargan, formed after the

February revolution. He was recalled to Tehran last Friday The students produced docu-ments purporting to show that before leaving Tehran for Scandinavia, Mr Enteram had declared his willingness to ex-change information with the CIA. On the strength of this apparent readiness, the United States. Chargé d'Affaires in Stockholm had been instructed to contact Mr Entezam and arrange for such an exchange, the students alleged.—Reuter.

Mrs Thatcher gives US lesson in serenity From James Reston

New York, Dec 19 In her first and all too brief

visit to the United States as Prime Minister of Great Britain, Mrs Margaret Thatcher gave the political leaders of this country a few things to consider.

sider.

To begin with, she demonstrated by her speech to the Foreign Policy Association here in New York that the art of political speech is not dead. This we had begun to doubt. But nobody who heard her here or in Washington, including those who reject her Conservative obligations. tive philosophy, could question her ability to use the English language to reduce the diversity and complexity of contemporary problems to a clear identity and to command the attention and respect of her audiences.

Second, she reminded us that it is possible to face the per-plexities of the 1970s and what she called the dangerous decade of the eighties with serenity and even with hope. The challenges to our security paign rhetoric. and to our way of life in the coming 10 years, she said, may "The last 10 years have not been a happy period for the Western democracies, domestibe more acute than in the

seventies, but the leaders of the Western nations would need to be firm, calm and united.

"Neither weakness, nor anger nor despair will serve us", she observed. "The problems are daunting, but in my view there is ample reason

substitute action for introspec-Listening to her bold confi-

ing the distinction between the British parliamentary system and the American presidential system.
Mrs Thatcher has a reliable

insist on support of that majority to transform her polimajority to transform her poli-cies into law, at least in the carly years of her five-year term. Only some spectacular disaster is likely to bring her President Carter, however.

with much larger majorities in the House and Senate in Wash-Abroad Mrs Thatcher

mocking, of the Soviet system, and she emphasized her theme by quoting Walt Whitman at the end of her New York speech.

"It takes struggles in life to make strength. It takes fight for principles to make fortitude. It takes crisis to give courage and singleness of purpose to reach an objective."

ted him because he had refused to bring his thinking in line to be authority despite several authority despite several to bring his thinking in line to be authority despite several warnings. Everybody interested in these questions knows that Father to be authority despite several warnings. Everybody interested in these questions knows that Father to be authority despite. on of intellectual freedom nallenge to the doctrine

papal infallibility

ued from page 1 t Professor Kung and t Professor Edward beeckx, the Belgian

v deplored them if, in the of Dr Ramsey, they ented a trend away from. t by the Second Vatican and by recent official an-Roman Catholic agreeon doctrinal points. Dr y added, however, that gical pluralism had to modate the demands of

v Robert Runcie, who is shop of Canterbury-elect, e did not wish to be disd from these statements

essor Chadwick, a mem-it the Anglican-Roman ic International Commisaid the views of Profesing were known not to resentative of the Roman ic Church on the issue of infallibility, but he and Anglicans had hoped the Church could have rethe professor as a able nuisance".

recently, Professor had been in trouble with

is on the Resurrection." Sacred Congregation has gated his writings on in-ity. In 1973 it issued a mation of the doctrine, pokesman offered to drop e against Professor Küng ssented to it. 1975 the Congregation

nned his views by name-sor Küng had all along-iged the Congregation's ly it did, and refused to vidence to it in his own is book Infallibility: An

he argued that the teaching of the Roman ic Church slwsys had to idled with a measure of ation. It was not in the of a verbal formulation could express the exact He preferred the idea through the Pope with ture of the Roman Camole fectability". It could Church.

tively regarded as meeting the criteria for infallibility; the Immaculate Conception, and the Immaculate Conception, and the Assumption. Professor Küng's case was not directed primarily at them, but at what he called "creeping infallibility", the psychological process by which papal pronouncements on all sorts of issues were regarded as being "almost infallible." His argument centered upon

the 1968 papal condemnation of birth control, which was issued with the automatic assumption modate the demands of hal aurhority.

Bishop of St Albans, the Robert Runcie, who is sciences of the faithful. This was his classic example "creeping infallibility." But

in his attack on this phenom-enon, he argued it necessarily followed from the concept of infallibility itself. If the con-cept of "creeping infallibility" was wrong, so was infallibility In essence, he was stating that the Roman Catholic Church was divinely guaranteed to be

right in general, but never in particular. particular.

The Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith explicitly asserted that he was wrong, and the church—through erman Roman Catholic the Pope, or through a general s because of some past council of the church together s because of some pastin On Being a Christian appeared to be incomputed with Roman Catholic not speak without error. It was not specified which those octa-

sions actually were. This is the main outstanding tween Anglicanism and the Roman Catholic Church. The most recent joint statement of the two churches' theological commission identified the issue of the limits of papal-authority -bath in doctrine and in discipline—as crucial matters on which the two churches did not

o proceed against him in see eye to eye.

The Anglican representatives, whose views have since been broadly endorsed both by the Lambeth Conference last year and the general synod of the Church of England, accepted that the Biscop of Rome had a unique responsibility in the Christian church to preserve its unity and integrity, but they could nor accept the extent of that authority as exemplified in ie Church spoke—if neces the present centralized struc-

stray from the main path Professor Kiling's challenge is f trub.
only one of several different two ex cathedra papal Roman Catholic reinterpretations of papal power.

Another respite for France in lamb dispute From Michael Hornsby

Brussels, Dec 19 No court action is to be sought for the time being against France despite its continued illegal restrictions on imports of British lamb, the European Commission decided at its weekly meeting here today. This decision will not be reconsidered for at least another three weeks.

three weeks.
Officials at the Ministry of Agriculture in London said Mr Peter Walker, the Minister, would be telephoning Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the EEC Agriculture Commissioner tomorrow morning to demand a full explanation of this further delay.

Mr Walker was making it clear that if the French have not returned to legality by January

not returned to legality by Jan-uary 7, when the European Court of Justice next sits, he expects the Commission to take France to court immediately.

The French had been given until the end of last week to remove all curbs on lamb imports and Mr Gundelach assured Mr Walker last week that the Com-mission would "assume its legal responsibilities" if this ultima-

tum was not met. The European Court of justice has aalready censured France once for banning lamb

jurisdiction will be bound by the 7 hp culing.

M. Barke, who uses an aging

for optimism."

from her bome in Leningrad, said Igor, aged 28, pleaded not guilty at the trial. Korchaoi, who defected in The Netherlands in 1976 and My son told the court that if he was made to suffer for now lives in Switzerland, has been campaigning to get per-mission for his wife and son to join him in the West. wanting to join his father, then lission for his wife and son to he was prepared to do so. The court decided there were no Igor Korchnoi's conviction extenuating circumstances."

office for only seven months. She has clearly not had time

Government spending, cutting income taxes, raising some sales taxes sharply, abolishing Government wage guidelines and dividend controls, etc—will actually work actually work.
In fact, inflation is now running in Britain at 17-20 per cent. The basic Government cept, mortgages are now costing over 15 per cent, and while the new Prime Minister cam-paigned as the friend of small entrepreneurs, the barrowing rate for small businesses in Britain is now almost at the 20

per cent level. These are sobering facts, which outrage the socialists and even trouble many Tories. but it was the spirit of Mrs Thatcher's lectures here that impressed many American listeners who have lately been bewildered by the ambiguities of our own presidential cam-

cally or internationally", Mrs Thatcher said, "Self-question-The time has come when the United States, must begin to and all other countries are

tion. to prove that her policies—tight monetary control, reduced Listening to her bold confi-dence and even determination, one could not help remember-ing the distinction between the

43-member majority in the House of Commons. She can

ington, cannot count on or compel the support of his fellow Democratic members under the United States system. sisted that it was time for action in the eighties in order to restore the dynamic to our economies in the West; to modernize the West's defences; to continue to seek agreement with the Soviet Union and its satellites; to help the developing countries to help themselves; to work together to Thatcher said. Self-questioning is essential to the improve the world economy health of any society. But we have perhaps carried it too far—and carried to extremes, it causes paralysis. The time has come when the understanding with the oil pro- and an unrestrained escalation West, above all Europe and the ducers in such a way that they of the arms race.

She was eloquent in her

Having paid tribute to Whitman's ideals, she concluded: "Let us go down in history as the generation which not only

understood what needed to be done but again had the strength, the self-discipline and the resolve to see it through. That is our generation, that is our task for the eighties".— New York Times News Service. Soviet response: Mrs Thatcher's speech showed that Washington and London were now the "trumpeters of aggravation of the militarist psychosis on the European continent" Tass news agency said (Our Moscow Correspondent writes).

A Tass commentator said the philosophy was obviously one of confrontation. It was based on conceptions that led not to theconsolidation of détente, but to the aggravation of tension

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Scientists tell Soviet public that fears about safety of nuclear power stations are groundless

Moscow, Dec 19

The Soviet Union's most senior scientists have again publicly defended nuclear energy and said the country is with an ambitious programme of nuclear power station con-

But they disclosed at an unprecedented open press con-ference yesterday that ordinary Russians living near power stations are worried by the safety issue. Their fears were dismissed as groundless.

Limited public debate on nuclear power began only six weeks ago when a nuclear scientist in the Soviet Academy of Sciences wrote in an influential ideological journa! that nuclear power stations used up too much land and water, could ecologically exhaust populated regions and could lead to radiation leaks during the transport of fuel

His article was given wide publicity and suggested there was disagreement in senior Soviet scientific circles over

the issue.
Yesterday, however, Professor Anatoly Aleksandrov, president of the academy and the chief advocate of nuclear energy, categorically dismissed all doubts: "There are no insuperable problems in atomic energy", he said. "Atomic energy", he said. "Atomic energy". the issue. energy", he said. "Atomic energy is one of the safest in-

Gradual return

to civilian rule

for Argentina

From Our Correspondent

Argentina's military junta,

the supreme authority in the

country, today published a docu-ment entitled "political bases of the armed forces for the process

The document of 7,000 words

was handed to President Jorge Rafael Videla during a cere-

mony in the congress building. He was made responsible for carrying out its programme which aims to band Argentina

over to civilian rule gradually.

ever, and the word " election" in the sense of suffrage is care-

fully avoided. It also refers to the "limits of dissent" within

which any participant must

Politics will be conducted on

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Buenos Aires, Dec 19

rebuff to a fellow academician, Psofessor Nikolai Dollezhal, who wrote in Kommunist that there was no guaranteed safe and economic way of disposing of spent nuclear fuel. The academician, he remarked, was a specialist only in reactor building, not in the broader aspects of nuclear technique. Professor Aleksandrov told

the crowded conference, which included diplomats from Britain and other countries using nuclear energy who had been summoned to hear the Soviet viewpoint, that the Russians intended to develop nuclear energy as rapidly as pos-

At present 5 per cent of electricity is generated by nu-clear power. In 10 years time this figure would rise to 25

now being built near Gorki and Voronezh. Professor Alekdustrial technologies."

sandrov ridiculed the suggesHe said nuclear power tion by the distinguished tists to discuss such n
stations were safer than oil or Soviet physicist Peter Kapitsa with overseas colleagues.

coal-fired stations, and posed that they should be sited on remote islands, and he asked how transport and communities the gave a surprisingly sharp cations would be possible there.

> The academician admitted that ordinary Russians were frightened by nuclear energy. He said this fear arose from ignorance and from associations with atomic weapons. But every qualified nuclear scientist in the world knew it was safe to site atomic stations in populated areas, and even near big cities, he asserted.

> "There has never been a nuclear accident in the Soviet Union", he said. Western reports of an accident at the Shevchenko fast-breeder station in the Ukraine, one of wo now in commission, were

The Kommunist article said the Russians were having diffi-culties developing fast-breeder reactors, and the programme

this figure would rise to 25 per cent. With atomic stations being built with a capacity of up to 1,500,000 kilowatts.

By the year 2000 nuclear power stations would be sited in every part of the country except where coal was plentiful and cheap to extract or where hydro-electric energy was available. A third of all generation would be from fast-breeder reactors.

Future power stations would also be used to heat rowns centrally. Two such stations are now being built near Gorki and Voronezh. Professor Alek-breeders with at a capacity of target.

Until now the Russians have imported anti-nuclear protests in the West, even by left-wing groups. They have glossed over reports of accidents and artificially exaggerating people's fears.

This position has been increasingly untenable at international conferences, however, and the beginning of a genuine public debate in this country may have been made

country may have been made necessary to authorize scientists to discuss such matters

El Salvador troops kill neasants in farm siege

Twenty-five farmworkers were killed near here yesterday when National Guard troops stormed a landowner's farm which had been occupied by strikers.

The Army announced that 10 other people were wounded and that it had captured 16 guerrillas belonging to the Trotsky-ist LP-28 movement in the incident at El Congo, 30 miles east of the capital.

A group of landless peasants had taken over the farm where they worked to press their demands for pay increases, the communique said. Troops used bullhorns to try

to convince the occupiers, who were supported by guerrillas, to evacuate the farm. Shots were fired and after a four-hour battle, the authorities counted

which cause so much harm to the national economy".

The Government threatened yesterday to reestablish a state yesterday to reestablish a state of siege unless clandestine groups desisted from violent actions.—Agence France-Presse. Tough stance: The incident in El Salvador has in the past been common enough in the been common enough in the country, but many people had hoped there would be no re-

> (writes Peter Strafford). The Government was installed by moderate military men, who promised social and who promised social and economic reforms and an end to repression. Members of the civilian opposition joined the Government, and it was backed by Washington, afraid of having more radical governments in the region in the aftermath of the Nicaraguan revolution.

currence under the new regime

US hope of accord on autonomy of **Palestinians**

From David Cross

Washington, Dec 19
Mr Soi Linowitz, President
Carter's new Middle East
envoy, said today there was a
"reasonable possibility" that
Egypt and Israel would be able to reach agreement on Palestinian autonomy on the West Bank and in Gaza by next May

as originally planned.
Mr Linowitz, who was talking to reporters in Washington, returned from his first negotiat-ing mission to Cairo and Jerusalem at the end of last week. He replaced Mr Robert. Strauss, who is now chairman of President Carter's reelection

or President Carter's reelection campaign.
He said that the agreements reached so far had gone a considerable way towards "fleshing out" what had once been the vague concepts of autonomy and self-government. autonomy and self-government.

Moreover negotiations on less
controversial points—like the
way in which elections would
be conducted, who would vote
and how—had been going
smoothly for six months.

Mr Linowitz said he was not
surprised that Palestinian representatives had so far been
unwilking to participate in the

unwilling to participate in the talks. While the goal of autonomy remained unclear, the Palestinians were bound not

the Palestinans were bound not to have much of an incentive to join the talks.

Nevertheless, once the concept of autonomy began to take a clearer form and people could see what was in it for them. Palestinian representatives might well change their minds about taking part in the talks, he said. he said.

Iranians reach front: Major Saad Haddad, commander of the South Lebanese militia. said today that two contingents of Iranian volunteers had entered Lebanon in the past entered Lebanon in the past 24 hours in Syrian Army Lorries, which passed border checkpoints without being searched by Lebanese soldiers (Moshe Brilliant writes from Tel Aviv).

As quoted by the Israel defence forces radio station, the major said one unit had camptd

major said one unit had camped in a guerrilla base near Nabatiya, which was promptly shelled last night. Unifil soldiers told militiamen that they saw another Iranian unit this morning on the road between Nabatiya and the Litami river, the report

This was denied by Unifil headquarters. headquarters.
Premier resigns: Mr Modar
Badran, the Jordanian Prime
Minister, resigned today and
was replaced by the Chief of
the Royal Cabinet, Sharif
Abdul-Hamid Sharaf.

A spokesman for the Kiryat-Arba settlers said today that the raiders were residents of the quarter who had witnessed the stoning from a car and Mr Sharaf named a new Cabinet which included Inaam al-Mufti, the first woman in a Jordanian Government since pursued fleeing youths to the

Mr Brezhnev's working birthday February to a further five-year Brezhnev met Mr dos Santos President Brezhnev was also Mr Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister, who is reliably reported to be seriously ill after named as a candidate for a local district in Moscow. He is 73 today, and has been in uncertain health for several

President Brezhnev welcomes President dos Santos of Angola, at Moscow's Vnukovo airport.

No official celebrations have been held to mark the Sovier leader's birthday, which he spent performing official duties in welcoming President Jose Edoardo dos Santos of Angola

who arrived on a visit.

Together with Mr Gromyko,
the Foreign Minister, and other

The military government identified the injured shoppers as the village Mukhtar, who was struck in the stomach, and a

doctor who was hit in the back

The Kiryat Arba spokesman claimed there had been recur-

rent attacks on traffic but the

military government swept the reports under the carpet to

and an official delegation of state and party leaders. Mr State and party lesses, or Breshner sexpected to accompany his guests to a performance at the Bolshor Ballet tonight.

President dos Santos took over as Angola's leader after

Agostinio Neto, died in Moscow his predecessor his predecessor, President in September. Although he has close personal connections with the Soviet Union, this is his first official visit. Angola is linked to the Soviet Union by a treaty of friendship.

Leading article, page 13

Former Kenyan police chief

held on return

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, Dec 19 Mr James Mungai, a former Kenyan assistaat police com-missioner who is alleged to have been linked with a conspiracy to remove leading per-sonalities at the time of the death of President Jono Ken-yatta last year, was escotted from an aircraft when he returned today from Switzer-land, and was driven away.

maintain a pretence of peace and quiet. He gave warning that the settlers would acr firmly to pur an end to the trouble if the army did not. He had lived in Geneva for more than a year, after fleeing from Kenya across the border into Sudan soon after President A large group of sertlers wanted to raid khelkhoul, he said, but they were restrained by the local security committee.

A military search of khelkhoul was carried out last night. The military governor's office said is true conducted by the Moi had assumed the presi-

said it was conducted by nine soldiers, helped by a tenth who averted in 1977.

Martial law in Furkey extended by

Ankara Dec 19 The Turkish Parliament today voted distributions to extension married law for two months in 19 of the rottning's 67 provinces as "training flights" by military aircraft over the cap lab raised some eyebraws. The flights by the Turkisl Air Force had been announced

yesterday but some observer said they found the choice o place, the smog-filled air o Ankara, and time, the day of the martial law vote, difficult to

explain
Over the past month, officials of the two largest parties
the main epposition Republican the main epposition Republical Reople's. Party of Mr Bulen Roople's the former Prime Minister, and the ruling Justice Party of Mr Suleyman Demirel, the Prime Minister, have for the first time expressed doubt about the future of the regime Mr Demirel told journalist recently that "martial law mus succeed, for if it does not, an we are forced to leave, who knows who will replace us?"

Whenever such "threats to the regime" are mentioned, the possibility arises of military intervention, but today, mos observers believe it is highly unlikely that the military wil choose to play a role in thi country's complex political life

The economy too is still shambles; municipal and intercity buses in some areas are nelonger working for lack of fuel-People in big cities are either forced to live in ice-cold flats. because of a lack of fuel oil and coal, or to move to the home, of more fortunate triends or relatives, or even to hotels. The relatives, of even to notels. Lat hard currency shortage is a bad as ever, the inflation rati is expected to reach 100 percent this year, and the International Monetary Fund i reported to be pressing M. Demirel's Government to de value the lira, by a further 40 percent.

per cent.

But still, the democratic system is working, as demonstrated by the results of by election last October which saw Mr Ecevit's Government defeated and replaced by Mi cabinet.

With the chances of ar francian-style religious uprising seeming to be out, of the ques-tion in a deeply secular country most independent observers are see their domestic role as the guardians of democracy and secularism, will not pose threat to the regime.

The relatively low tone of Wednesday's debates in Parlia ment seemed to show that the Mr Charles Nionjo, the Wednesday's debates in Parlia Kenyan Attorney, General, has ment seemed to show that the since affirmed that a plot to Republican People's Party and kill leading personaldies, in the Justice Party may soon cluding himself, was parrowly cooperate in the battle against political and economic anarchy political and economic anarchy

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A world view: Arrigo Levi fears foreign adventures may tempt Kremlin

Russia's economic ills spell danger for us all The economic problems That offered to real improve table will face some againizing between their economies and which the Soviet Union will ments; new economic ills decisions. the world market. face in the 1980s are remark—appeared which were even Should the inefficiency of the Their point of view was that ably similar to those that are worse than the earlier ones. Soviet economic system finally the greater complexity and harassing the West: slower The only serious attempt at become politically unbearable instability in the Third World.

growth, reduced efficiency of the economic system and an energy crisis. So far, the Soviet economy has been relatively self-sufficient, therefore less exposed to explosive develop-ments in Third World countries threatening vital supplies. It may no longer be so during the 1980s, considering the serious slowdown in Soviet. production of ail.

a heart attack, was today nominated for reelection to the

Supreme Soviet of the Russian Republic, the equivalent of a

Mr Kosygin, who is 75, has not been seen in public since mid-October. His daughter said recently in Oslo that her father was seriously ill. He was today nominated for election in

Israelis on rampage after

women hurt by stones

local parliament for

From Moshe Brilliant

Four Israeli militants on a

rampage last night raided a-supermarket in Khalkoul near

Hebron, sasaulted customers broke windows and smashed

merchandise, the military gover-nor's office said tonight.

The attack followed the

wounding of two Israeli women passengers in a bus that was stoned when it passed Khal-khoul on its way from Jerus-

alem to Kiryat Arba, a Hebron suburb which is a stronghold of the "Gush Emunim." militants.

Tel Aviv. Dec 19

country's largest republic.

Even now," the Soviet Union's European allies, which have much stronger ries with the world economy, are suffering from the consequences of the oil crisis as seriously as West, or even more so;

their economies have slowed down to a standstill. But so has the Soviet economy, as a result of developments which had been forecast by Soviet and Western economists since the early 1960s. The rigid planning system, unreformed after the liffated attempt of 1965, is constrained.

fated attempt of 1965, is consuming, as expected, more and more resources while producing less and less. Rarely has the wisdom of economists been vindicated as fully as in this case. But the Soviet leadership sitli is not listening.

In the last 20 years the Soviet economy has behaved like the man in bed who cannot sleep and turns in vain from one side to the other, getting no relief. The economy has moved back and forth between centralization and decentralization. Mr Krushchev was the first one to try, in the late 1950s, shifting responsibilities from the central ministries to worsening of the economic sit—who appeared to be deeply minty.

local economic authorities oution, which appears inevi-aware of the interdependence () Times Newspapers Ltd, 1979

The only serious attempt at structural reform was initiated in 1965, nor just in the Soviet Union but in most Eastern European countries. Economic power was to be transferred. via the new vehicle of profit, to enterprises, and through them to the consumer.

The ideas of the "socialist market" have prospered, since then, almost exclusively in Hungary. Elsewhere, economic Hungary. Elsewhere, economic reform was seen, after the "Prague Spring" of 1963, as leading inevitably to political reforms threatening the power of the party. That was the end of economic revisionism. But the return to central planning rould not seen the expected could not stop the expected decline in productivity and growth. The Soviet Union is

rich in resources.

Mr Brezhnev's answer to these problems, as detailed in the speech which denounced, with unusual trankness, the sorry state of Soviet economic affairs, is just "more of the same": more centralization, more "individual responsibility" falling on people in charge. But in the past that has never improved Soviet economic performance and will not improve it in the future. If the present aged leadership is, however, unable to imagine any real reform of Soviet society, Mr Breamey's successors, faced with a further worsening of the economic situation, which appears inevi-

ing abroad for relief from domestic pressures. This is the great fear of Western observers: that a way one of the expected difficulties be looked for, by the Soviet leaders of the post-Brezhnev era in a search for oil and adventure in the wide world. The enormous increase of Soviet military power and flexibility makes, this a possible option. Such a choice would be extremely dangerous for the peace of the world.

decline in production is growth. The Soviet Union is now down to rates of growth of peace of the work.

2 to 3 per cent a year, for So far, the Soviet leadership industrial production and has strongly reaffirmed its national income; this is a right, and "revolutionary disaster, for an economy so duty", to assist national liberation movements everythin resources.

Interaction movements everything the looks like an excuse for expansionist like an excuse for expansionist. where 10 me West, this looks like an excuse for expansionist policies. It is possible that the risks of this doctrine may now begin to be understood also by some people in Eastern Europe.

For instance, at at a recent meeting of Eastern and Western representatives of authoritative political institutes, the orthodox Soviet view was strongly stated by a Bulgarian participant. The cursous point, however, was that he was challenging, by so doing, not the Western participants, but other East European representatives.

Should the inefficency of the Soviet economic system finally the greater complexity and the Soviet leaders might the Soviet leaders might requires greater stability becauses between different tween East and West. The courses. They might adopt logical consequence of this ground reforms leading to a quite sensible idea is that the diffusion even of political Soviet leadership should recognower. Or they might strength mize the need for a fundamental the system by making it tall ideological revision, similar that the one made by Mr. They might strength the one made by mr. the greater complexity and instability in the Third World

tal ideological revision, similar to the one made by Mr Khrushchev when he recog-nized that the nuclear danger. made it imperative to avoid direct conflicts with the West, through coexistence and The new dangers to world

peace and prosperity arises out of the political instability of the Third World make it equally imperative that the Sovier Union should abandon the doctrine of automatic support port for revolutionary move-ments, which are aften a threat to vital Western in-terests. But will the future Soviet leadership be capable of making this prudent choice? That will depend, to a large extent, on the other choices that will be made, concerning domestic economic and political problems. Unfortunately, we know nothing at all about future. Soviet leaders, their names, their ideas, their principles. From that point of view, the Soviet Union remains a rotal mystery.

It will therefore be wise, for the West, not to rely uponfavourable developments in Moscow, which may not come for a long time. To stay independent and free, the West can count only upon its own

can count only upon its own-resources, solidarity and inge-

Lesotho families choose exile this Christmas

Maseru, Lesotho, Dec 19

More violence is feared over Christmas in the mountains of northern Lesotho because many

of the gold miners returning home from South Africa for the holiday will find that their families have disappeared. More than 160 women and 330

children are among about 600 refugees from the Butha Butha area who have fled across the Caledon River in the past two weeks and are being given tem-porary shelter in Bethlehem, Orange Free State.

Caledon River in the past two weeks and are being given temporary shelter in Bethlehem.

Drange Free State.

The Lesotho Government alleges that the women and chilled wave of murders of Government dren were "induced" to flee ment supporters in the Builta district in night attacks decree but laser broadened his is people "by against the Government of Chief Leabus, Jouannam Missu Mokhelle, the Congress Party leader and vereran nationalist, has said that police mobile unit into the into exile, thannam he for her party. But despited, in the police mobile unit into the into exile, thannam he formed but have several activities.

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Congress Party leaders, some of whom are among the Berble are the customs union with south Africa and the remined police opened fire at random and that up to 30 people were majors of gold and diamond and that up to 30 people were majors, Chief Jonathan has been a leading critic of the denied in Maseru.

Chief Leabna Jonathan has which has supported him for now declared him some control of the control of the

Chief Leabua Jonathan has which has supported him for now declared his willingness to most of the decade, hold a new general election. In the last few weeks there the first in 19 years to re has been a sharp change of assert his hold on power. In tone in pronouncements from 1970 he declared a state of Pretoria. A Lesotho leader amergency in the middle of an told me an disbelief: "I election, which the opposition schully heard an official radio Congress Party was surongly commentary from South Africa runsoured to be winning, and claiming that our Government arrested Mr. Molcheile. had no democratic mandate and the ruled for three years by did not have the support of all a decree but laser breadened his its people."

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his rebellion is spearheaded by mountain villages to track down Zambis and Botswana.

65 men trained in Libys and the killers.

Thingst Legoria is land that up to 1,000 young men are in training in the Lesothe moun-

tains. Mr Joshua Kakhetla, Lesotho's Information Minister, told me flatly that the South African Government was "in collusion" with the rebels and thus white farmers and police in the Orange Free State had collaborated in the escape of Congress Party supporters by making lorries available on the Grange

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India's two undynamic Commist parties, in spite of all covious shortcomings of the untry's three main political mations, have strikingly led to exploit the opportunity the coming general election offering a wider electronate y new alternative.

lia's political chessboard and ply rooted social customs, vent Marxists from taking shortcuts to power.

Ill this was made plain by
E. M. S. Namboodiripad,
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le invited the "working
ses" to vote for the alliance
h Mr Charan Singh's Lok
(People's Party), though
CPIM has until this elecpersistently artacked the
staker Prime Minister.
he only shift in thinking has
the from the less powerful

even this move was resisted by the party's old guard and CPIM.

With Mr Singh's faltering election chances; those who stick closer to the Soviet Union's continuing preference for Mrs Gaudhi may yet prove shrewder judges of the election outcome than Mr Namboodiri it is at the head of an amazing pad.

The choice of alliance with election charces; those who stick closer to the Soviet Union's continuing preference for Mrs Gaudhi may yet prove shrewder judges of the election outcome than Mr Namboodirioad.

The choice of alliance with Mr Singh was the awkward out-come of intense manoenvrings come of intense manoenvrings in the CPIM as the Janata Government collapsed. Caught between the "auchoritarianism" of Mrs Gandhi and the Hindu "communalism" of the rump of the Janata Party, the lesser evil, as CPIM's theorists see things, could only be an alliance, with Mr Singh's Lok Dal.

The CPIM, which forms the Government of West Bengal, had hoped that the Lok Dal would help it get a foothold in important states such as Urtar Pradesh and the Punjab.

This has worked out dis-astrously for the CPIM in Urtar Pradesh, where it has only been "allowed" to field one candi-date (compared to Lok Dal's 78 in a total of 85 constituencies) and that one in a constituency reserved to Harijans (formerly called untouchables), where Mrs Gandhi's candidate looks far better placed. There is only one CPIM candidate in the Punjab, too, and there in

feared in Kampuchea camps

From Neil Kelly Bangkok, Dec 19 Epidemics of cholera and bubonic plague are feared among more than half a million Kam-pucheans who have just moved back into their own country from the Thai border, according to Thai health authorities.

Dr Theppanom Muangman, dean of the Public Health Science Faculty at Mahidol University in Bangkok said after a visit to the new encampments that the Kampucheans were living in page 1888.

that the Kampucheans were living in appalling conditions.

Sanitary arrangements, he said, were dangerously inadequate for the numbers of people. Rats, flies and mosquitoes were infesting the sites and food supplied by international food supplied by international aid organizations was being stored in flooded or otherwise unsanitary places.

"The bulk of these people are already ill with malnutrition, malaria and other diseases.

I fear the worst—that is cholera and even bubonic plague—if something is not done quickly."

The Kampucheans have moved about a mile east of the border during the past 10 days under pressure from Thai Army commanders who said they must either move back to Kampuches or into a Thai refugee camp eight miles from the border. Almost 80,000 have entered the

Thai refugee camb at Khao I Dang Conditions in the encamp ments are much worse than the original border sites from which the Kampucheans moved carrying their grass and bamboo huts

with them.

Many of the Kampucheans are using stagnant water from ponds and ditches. Good supplies of safe water provided by relief organizations are available at the border but not many of the Kampucheans have the strength to carry it as far as

their new camps. They still depend upon food supplied at the border by the Red Cross, the United Nations Childrens' Fund and other

agencies. One of the camp leaders asked Dr Theppanom to organize a birth control pro-gramme for Kampucheans under is leadership and to carry out abortions because pregnant women hampered the fighting against the Vietnamese.

against the Vietnamese.

A Thai spokesman said today that 141 Vietnamese, including some soldiers, had been found at the Khao I Dang refugee camp pretending to be Kampucheans.

Story uncovered: A boatload of Vietnamese, who said the process.

Vietnamese, who said they were refugees when rescued recently of the northern Philippines. turned out to be trying to reach Hongkong after having already been settled in Manila, officials said today. They wanted to get eventually to the United States.

The turkey looks as if it died uncovered when the group of 28 adults and 32 children were rescued early broken down .- Reuter.

The rise of the compleat businesswoman

Ann Burdus is small, elegant and successful; and the reigning Times Euciness-woman of the Year. The award presented tast week, is her latest accolance in a memorable year. It reached its peak in April when she was recalled from New York to take over within 24 hours as Chairman of McCann and Company, third

Sent Comment of the sent of the

largest advertising agency in the country.

Aged 46, carning a reputed £40,000 or
so a year—amazingly she turns coy on the subject of her actual income—Ms Burdus is a very compleat businessweman despite the industry she finds herself in. Advertising, to the outsider, is the home for creative, entrepreneurial talent with the ability to churn out tomorrow's cliche. Ms Eurdus has been through all this, from the market research side, but has none the less emerged as the cornorate woman

Advertising, despite the overt glamour, is big business. In the United Kingdom alone advertising expenditure is running around the £1,800m mark and London has world-wide status as the second most important centre in the global advertising scene. So Ann Burdus, as boss of McCann. not only carries the responsibility for an agency with £80m of billings but is also an international ambassador for the industry.

Her background is a degree in psycho-

logy from Durham University, a stint as a clinical psychologist in a North-eastern mental hospital, and part-time interviewing for a market research company. From there it was a short step into the full-time world of advertising. In 1971. Ann

Burdus was invited to join the board of McCann-Erickson as research director. The move to McCann-Erickson was decisive for her career, She and two men were installed as a new team to revitalize the agency. For four years she worked to her brief; but in 1975 the time came for her to leave her familiar niche and make a contribution towards the running of the

In 1975 the board held a two-day retreat to decide where the agency was going to next. Ms Burdus virtually ran the board think-tank which decided upon a three-pronged strategy. The new objectives included more agencies within the stable to attract competing business, greater growth and opportunities for career



original 1971 trium virate all but talked themselves out of a job. Less than three years later they had each moved on.

One of Ann Burdus's many theories of management and success—in which she helieves profoundly—is that anyone who wishes to be successful should work for an expanding company. She provided the proof of this theory when she went to New York in 1978 to become director of advertising development and strategic planning for the parent McCann Erickson International.

In normal circumstances she could have expected to have stayed in the United States for three or more years. However, the abrupt departure of McCann's United Kingdom boss in pring catapulted her bacl into the hot seat and made her one industry. Powerful not only in her own the country's major advertising agencies, but also as the ultimate guiding hand behind those campaigns which exhort us to buy more Coca Cola, more Kodak goods, more Levi Strauss Jeans, more Gillette blades, more eggs and more milk. courtesy of the Egg Authority and Milk Marketing Board. The growth in billings these clients

represent—from £10m, in her first year with the company to £80m in the current year—is a financial measure of her success. Her increasing outside responsibilities, she's on the recently appointed committee for the promotion of British agriculture, and to the advertising industry as a whole, are other yardsticks against which she can be judged.

Little of her success, however, can be attributed to her sex. Like many a tycoon, she's outgrown two marriages on the way to the top: and she doesn't seem to have a strong private person. But scores of interviews on the subject have made ther more articulated than most on the subject of success in general—attaching oneself to successful companies and to successful men—and her own success in particular

"I've always filled in with more talented people behind me", she points out, "which leaves me free to move on." However, she's honest enough to admit that only the most confident of people could follow such advice. Luck plays its part too, and what she likes to call the "element of stupidity". She's not afraid of opening her mouth, wide, "where a better politician might have been more cautious". Of course, what it boils down to is that she has " never really questioned that my opinions aren't worth hearing".

The firm belief that her views are "as good as anyhody else's" make her a supremely self-confident person. That is why she is successful; for she is not a person of hard, clear-cut ambition. In New York she was prepared "to wait pragmatically and see what would come up She feels the same way about her next move in the McCann stable which, as part of the much bigger United States Interpublic group, has prospects in plenty to offer. Ann Burdus, corporate executive and successful businesswoman who puts in a fourteen-hour day but is still "a fun person to work with", has a long way yet to

Margaret Stone

ıkistan gets ugher law defamation

n Our Correspondent nabad Dec 19 kistan has introduced a ter law governing defama-which provides for punisht of up to five years isonment and, or a fine for ishing any matter held to defamatory, even if the station is found to be true in the public interest. e new law amends one ted more than 100 years which provided exception eccusations held to be true in the public interest. in the public interest.

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Veiled threat by Peking of intervention in Thailand

veiled terms to intervede along-side Thailand against Vietnam which it accused of invading

ance against the threat and invasion", the New China news agency reported.

Mr Han was responding to allegations by his Vietnamese counter-part, Mr Dinh Nho Liem of Sino-Thai "militarycollusion" against Vietnam. Mr Han also accused Vietnam of "menacing the peace and security" of the whole of South East Asia through its "continued armed provocations", on the Thai-Kampuchean border.

dent has said that the this reckless course of action, are defamation law was to you will be called to account tect the responsible ciri- by history and grave conse-Sino-Vietnamese talks, which began in Hanoi and then moved

has not been fixed, Mr Dinh told a press conference today. At the meeting today Mr Dinh repeated his proposal for the immediate signing of a Sino-

Heng Samrin's regime in Phnom Penh had with the help of Vietnam, Laos, the Soviet Union

The Times Cook

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.. But once a year

exposure. Will it really keep till Tuesday? Are there enough sprouts to go round? milkman remember the cream? Two extra loaves of three? It is the epic scale of family catering at Christmas that terrifies first timers and makes old hands sigh at the prospect. It is not easy to concentrate either when helpers are laying the table, the cat wants its din-ner, the children are overexcited, someone cannot find his red tie or the sharp scissors, grandma would like another cup of tea dear, and

Wise. A list - correction, several lists — are the only answer. Shopping lists, preparation lists, and a timetable of tempera-tures and cooking times to stick on the kitchen wall.

a third glass of sherry is un-

It is all too easy to run out of something vital like salt or rea bags on Boxing Day, or to forget that it is the weight of the bird after it is stuffed that counts when calculating the cooking time. Even storage space can be a problem when feeding the multitude. Easy first courses that can

be prepared in advance, and last-minute puddings help to able and more fun. A mousse of smoked fish makes a light and attractive opening to any Christmas meal. This one moulded in three layers smoked salmon, trout and mackerel mousses encased in a thin layer of clear aspic. For a simpler dish use just one kind of smoked fish, and if aspic does not appeal, serve the mousse in individual ramekins. You can, of course, make your own aspic from a well-flavoured fresh fish stock.

Smoked fish mousse Serves six to eight 30g (loz) butter

30g (loz) plain flour 1 x 425g (15oz) tin clear turtle tablespoon (1 sachet) un-

flavoured gelatine 300ml (1 pint) double cream 225g (80z) smoked salmon crimmings 225g (80z) smoked trout

225g (80z) smoked mackerel Juice of half a lemon Salt, pepper and cayenne Chill a paté terrine, loaf tin or fancy mould of about 1.2 litres

(2 pints) capacity. Melt the butter in a small pan and stir in the flour. Cook together for a minute or two without allowing the roux to colour, then gradually add two thirds of the turtle consomme, stirring constantly. Cook the sauce on a gentle hear until it is rhick and smooth, about five

Lord lane agreed with the speeches and conclusions of Viscount Dilhorne and Lord Fraser.

Solicitors: Collyer-Bristow for Chambers, Thomas & Williamson, Hull; Warren Murton & Co for Stamp, Jackson & Procter, Hull; Ellis & Fairbairn for Burgess, Salmon & Co, Bristol; Wedlace Rell for Lyons & Morrow Wilder. Sprinkle the gelatine on the remaining consomme in a small pan and leave it to soften for about five minutes. Heat gently to dissolve the gelatine completely, then set the aspic aside to cool.

minutes. Set aside to cool.

Pour the aspic, a little at a time, into the chilled mould and swirl it round, on ice if necessary, until the inside of the mould is coated with a coarsely chopped 3 tablespoons chopped parsley

thin, even layer of jelly. Return the mould to the refrigerator. Whip the cream very lightly until it will just hold a soft peak. Using a food processor, blender, or pestle and mortar, reduce the smoked salmon to pepper a smooth puree. Add a tea-spoon of lemon juice, one third of the sauce and one third of the whipped cream. Blend lightly together and season well with salt, pepper and cavenne. Spoon the mixture into the aspic lined mould.

smooth it over, and leave it to set in the refrigerator. Prepare the smoked trout in the same way and spoon it in an even layer over the smoked salmon mousse. Lastly make the smoked mackerel mouse and add that too to the mould Chill well.

To serve dip the mould

Lastly make the smoked it in a large bowl with the onion mackerel mousse and add that too to the mould Chill well.

To serve, dip the mould briefly in hot water and turn the mousse on to a serving dish. Serve it in thick slices check the seasoning. dish Serve it in thick clices with brown toast or crusty CD]]4.

The simplest special occasion

recipe for turkey that I know

has no stuffing. Constant bast-

ing with honey and butter make it crisp and dark chest-nut coloured on the outside, while underneath the flesh is very moist and white. The method, still used in the rorth of England, was brought to Britain by the Romans who cooked flamingoes, herens and other large birds in this way. Turkeys should be properly hung to develop their flavour-a process sometimes skimped with frozen hirds This is one of the reasons that fresh turkeys so often taste better than frozen ones. The way to get the best from a frozen bird is to thaw slowly and carefully in the refrigera-tor—at least 48 hours for a large bird, 24 hours for a

Honey basted turkey Serves ten to twelve

1 turkey 4.5kg to 5.4kg (10 to 12lbs) trussed weight Salt and pepper 225g (8oz) runny honey 110g (4oz) butter

Dry the turkey inside and out and cut off the wingtips for the stockpot. Season the inside with salt and pepper. Sew or skewer the large cavity firmly to prevent juices escaping, then tie the legs together with string and tie the string round the parson's nose. Pull the neck skin gently down under the back and tasten it with metal skewers or wooden cockrail sticks. Set the turkey cockrail sticks. Set the turkey on a rack in a shallow toast-

Melt together the honey and butter and paint it all over the bird several times until it is well coated. Place the rurkey in the middle of a preheated hot oven (220°C.425°F, gas mark 7) and roast at this temperature for 30 minutes calculated perature for 30 minutes only, basting once. Reduce the hear to moderate (160°C, 325°F, gas mark 3) and continue roasting for about 31 hours more, bast-ing the hird at half hourly intervals. If the turkey was put in the oven straight from the refrigerator it will take at least an extra half hour. To test whether the bird is cooked, insert a skewer into the thickest part of the leg, near the body. It is ready when the juices run clear, Rest the turkey in the oven with the door open and the heat turned off for about 15 minutes before

Goose with fruit and nut stuffing

Serves six to eight 1 goose 3.5 to 4.5 kg (8 to 10lbs) trussed weight For the stuffing 140g (50z) seedless raisins

45g (1½oz) butter 1 goose liver, roughly chopped 1 large onion, finely chopped 110g (40z) fresh white bread-

medium cooking peeled and chopped 55g (20z) blanched almonds,

1 reasonon dried marjoram or Salt and freshly ground black

Pull out any lumps of fat still inside the goose and dry it well inside and out. Put the raisins in a bowl and cover them with boiling water. Set them aside to plump up. Melt the butter in a pan and fry the liver until it is just firm. Take the liver from the

pan and set it aside to cool. Fry the onion in the remaining butter until it is soft but not brown. Chop the liver finely and put

Stuff the goose loosely with this mixture. Tuck the parson's nose under the flap of skin with three or four big stitches Truss the legs and wings under the bird, tucking in the neck

flap skin, or catching it with a stitch if needed. Prick the goose on the legs, sides and lower breast before roasting. Put the goose breast side up on a rack in a shallow roasting tin and roast in a pre-heated moderately bot oven 400 F. gas mark 6) for 15 miputes. Turn the bird over breast side down and lower the heat to moderate (160°C/325°F, gas mark 3) and cook for two hours before turning it breast side up for another two to two and a

Your goose is cooked when the juices run a pale golden colour. Test with a skewer in-serted into the leg close to the body. Rest the goose in the oven with the door open and the heat turned off for about 15 minutes before carving it. Vegetables are just about

heat. Basting is unnecessary,

for other dishes.

but save the goose fat dripping

Christmas menus are being choice is determined by the selection of the bird. Well everyone has roast potatoes and boiled sprouts with turkey. New Zealanders choice of new potatoes and peas with the sweet new season's lamb might appear equally conservative but for their delightful custom of gathering the vegetables fresh from the garden on Christmas morning. With buttered asparagus or corn on the cob to begin the meal, weeks of skilful gardening are invested in bringing them all to the Christmas table at their peak.

Finland's special potato casserole imellettyperunasoscla-atikko must have originated with one of those happy accidents which sometimes occur in the kirchen. Its originality is due to a " maiting " process during which starch in the potato mixture turns into a simple sugar. In modern kitchens this chemistry takes place in a very slow oven. But it is not bard to imagine a farmer's wife of long ago leaving a dish of mashed potato near her big wood-burning stove while she busied herself with Christmas breadmaking, and discovering that the potato had turned yellow, sweet, and unexpectedly delicious. Its taste is reminiscent of chestnuts.

Potato casserole serves six to eight

1.5 to 2 kilos (3 to 4 lbs) old potatoes

55 g (2 oz) plain flour Salt and pepper

30 g (1 oz) butter Peel the potatoes, boil them until tender, drain and mash them thoroughly. Beat the mashed potato, adding a little milk if it is too stiff to work, and mix in the flour, blending it thoroughly. Butter a heavy casserole dish,

lid. Put the potato mixture into the dish, cover it tightly, and bake in a preheated very cool oven (110°C/223°F, gas mark 1) for 5 hours. Check the mixture from time to time, adding little milk if it appears too lry. This slow cooking will make the potato slightly yellow, and very soft and sweet. To finish the dish add salt

to taste, and pepper, and beat the mixture smooth. Dor the top of the puree with butter and ately hot oven (190°C/375°F, gas mark 5) for about 30 minutes, or until it is browned on

Trifle is a traditional Boxing Day and Christmas party pud-ding. This heady eighteenth century version is appropriately named a whim-wham. It is child's play to make and car be whipped up at the last moment for unexpected guests

Serves 6

30 g (1 øz) butter

110 g (4 oz) flaked almonds l tablespoon caster sugar 18 sponge finger biscuits Juice of 2 oranges or tangerines

120 ml (4 fl oz) sweet sherry 120 ml (4 fl oz) brandy 450 ml (4 pint) double cream or whipping cream

Melt the butter in a heavy frying pan and fry the almonds over a medium heat until they are golden. Sprinkle them with the sugar and shake the pan over a low heat until it melts. Spread the almonds on a lightly greased plate to cool. An hour or two before serving put the speage fingers. broken in halves, into a large serving bowl. Mix the orange juice. sherry and brandy, and pour it into the bowl.

Just before serving, whip the cream until it holds a peak. Spoon the cream over the sponge fingers which should by now have absorbed most of the liquid. Sprinkle the top with fried almonds and serve at опсе.



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Peking. Dec 19—China today The date for the next meeting again threatened in thinly has not been fixed, Mr Dink

which it accused of invading that country.

Mr Han Nianlong, the Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister, told the lifteenth session of the Sino-Vietnamese talks in Peking: "Now that Vietnam is threatening and invading Thailand, we naturally support Thailand in its resistance against the threat and

He added: "If you persist in

Vietnamese agreement "to re-frain from armed provocations" from January 1. Mr Han rejectory and cheating".

communal (Muslims Christians) parties.

Euro-communism ".

Its leaders privately justify this electoral approach on the grounds they must lead the fadian masses along this road "so long as they believe in it".

Yet the theorists disapprove of

"Euro-communism". The party's election manifesto is almost as vague as that of Mrs Gandhi's Congress Party faction. The Marxist Communist Party's strategy in these elections is modest; to defend West Bengal after boyes of expending allowables where here here.

West Bengal after hopes of ex-panding elsewhere have been dashed by its allies, and to try to prevent Mrs Gandhi's return to power—in which case it would probably be among the first victims.

But the Communists' inability

but the Communists' inability to show their election partners in, say, the Punjab that they stand the best chance of winning a new seat is an in-dictment of the Indian Com-munist parties, particularly the

CPIM, and their failure to develop dynamic programmes

and other socialist countries en-abled the People's Republic of Kampuchea to make progress. He called on China to stop immediately its "hostile acts" in Laos while emphasizing that Vietnam was not prepared to discuss any third country dur-ing the negotiations. No pro-

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giving full-time employ-James Jackson, who had James Jackson, who are in partnership with his Graham and Martin, died arch 28, 1977. They had armed the adjacem farm. House Farm, owned by the and certified as a "com-i unit". On April 4, 1977, latee landlords served notice

to quit on the sons. The sons lodged an application with the Yorkshire and Lancashire area agricultural land tributal for a direction entitling them to a tenancy of Grange Farm; but as they were in joint occupation of White House Farm and it was thought that Graham as a joint occupier of a commercial unit would be ineligible for a tenancy of Grange Farm, he assigned all his interests in White House Farm to his brother Martin and conto his brother Martin and con-tinued his application to the tributal alone.

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The trbural held that the date that mattered under section 18(2)(c) in deciding whether an applicant was the occupier of a commercial unit was the date of the tenant's death; and the deputy judge upheld that decision. The Court of Appeal held that it was enough that Graham should be eligible at the date of the application and of the bearing.

In the second appeal, Mr George Williamson, tenant of "riverside land" forming part of the Eardington estate, died on January 17, 1968. That land was part of an agricultural "commercial unit" farmed by Mr Williamson's two sons. One son, Lewis, applied for a direction entifing him to a tenancy of the riverside land. The West Midlands area tribunal held that he was "eligible"; but on the landlords' appeal, holding that a joint occupier of a commercial unit was "the occupier for the purposes of subsection (c). Lewis was given leave to appeal directivy to the House in the belief, now held to be erroneous, that in Jackson v Hall (the first anoeal) it had been decided, when

bellef, now held to be erroueous, that in Jackson v Hall (the first appeal) it had been decided, when it was merely assumed, that joint occupation of a commercial unit was a bar to eligibility.

Mr Leolin Price, OC, and Mr Alan Sebestyen for Mr Jackson: Mr E. C. Evans-Lombe, OC, and Mr Clifford Joseph for the trustee landlords. Mr D. A. Wood, OC and Miss Inama Moss for Mr William. landlords. Mr D. A. Wood, OC and Miss Joanne Moss for Mr Williamson: Mr Gavin Lightman and Mr Mitchell Caller for the landlords.

VISCOUNT - DILHORNE said that until the cases reached the House it had been assumed that joint occupation of a commercial unit was 2 bar to eligibility. Mr Jackson was given leave to take the point that he was not so

Darred.

The first question, common to both appeals, was: "Does condition (c) render only a sole occupier of a commercial unit includible?" The second was: "If a joint occupier of such a unit at the films of the death of the a joint occupier of such a unit at the "time of the death of the tenant of the holding in respect of which a direction is sought is inclinable, can he make hunself eligible by diverting himself of that occupation before he applies for a direction?"

On the second question, his

Lordship considered that Lord Jestice Brandon had come to the right conclusion. Section 20 gave no indication of when eligible must arise. Section 18(1) defin the persons who might satisfy condition (a) of section 18(2):

"Where: the: tenant of the did not bear who is survived by any of the following persons. "That agained that one had to determine who were the survivers at the date of the death. True, they would remain within that class of sur
first question was that "he is not minster.

vivors for the rest of their lives; but the conjunction of the words "dies and is survived by" were a clear indication that the point of time to be considered was the time of death. Under condition (b) the period to be considered ended at the date of the death; and it would be very odd if con-dition (c) could be satisfied at a different time.

different time.

In agreement with Lord Justice Brandon, his Lordship considered that eligibility had to arise at the date of the death; the persons then eligibility could apply, though eligibility must continue to exist at the dates of the application and of the hearing. His Lordship did not think that Parliament could ever have intended that a person who was at the date of death ineligible as the sole occupier of a commercial unit could bring himself later within the class of eligible persons by divesting himself of that occupation. His snswer to his second question was no.

The first question depended for

The first question depended for its answer on the meaning of "he is not the occupier". If Parliament intended that only the sole occupier was eligible, why was that not made clear by the words used?

The House had to give effect to Parliament's intention as revealed by the words of the Act. The difficulty was that the Act gave no clear indication whether the intention was to exclude only sole occupiers or both sole and joint occupiers—to exclude anyone in occupation of a commercial unit. It might be that Parliament just overlooked the possibility just overlooked the possibility that there might be joint owner-ship of a commercial unit and so made no provision for it.

made no provision for it.

Clearly the Act was intended to make a further encroachment on the rights of landlords of agricultural holdings. It gave a person within section 18(1) (2) to (6) who could show that he had derived his livelihood either entirely or principally from work on the holding for the requisite period the right to apply for a direction provided that he was not the occupier of a commercial unit. The test of whether the land was a commercial unit depended on the number of persons employed thereon.

What Parliament had in effect cuacted was that a survivor might apply if he came within section 18(2) and could satisfy condition (b), but that he could not do so if he already occupied a commer-cial unit—a viable farm. If he did occupy such a unit, Parliament had not thought it right that a landlord should be deprived of the advantages which might enure to him from vacant possession. him from vacant possession. His Lordship could not think that Parliament intended to give each of two joint occupiers of a each of two Joint occupiers of a commercial unit, which might be of such size and character as to provide them with a good living, the right to apply for a direction entiting them to a tenancy of the holding. To hold that only a sole occupier was barred pur weight on the word "the" which to did not bear.

the occupier "was just another way of saying "he does not occupy". The result was that the applicants [Graham Jackson and Lewis Williamson] in each of the cases was ineligible to apply for a direction. The trustee landlords appeal should be allowed and M. Williamson! Williamson's appeal be

Lord Edmand-Davies with Viscount Dilhorne and Lord LORD FRASER, concurring in the results, said that one powerful reason why eligibility could not be acquired after the date of death acquired after the date of death was that otherwise it would be easy for a child of a deceased tenant to divest himself of an interest in a commercial unit immediately after the parents death. Parliament could not have intended to leave open such an obvious and comparatively easy method of circumventing the requirements of paragraph (c).

LORD RUSSELL, in the Jack.

LORD RUSSELL, in the Jackson appeal, found himself persuaded by the cogent jadgment of
Lord Justice Brandon and loyally
concurred with his brethren that
the applicant must for the purposes of section 18(2) be eligible
to apply at the date of the tenant's
death.

leam.

In the Williamson case, how In the Williamson case, however, the question was whether the applicant's joint occupation with his brother of a "commercial unit" disqualified him from ability to apply for a tenancy of the holding of which his farher was the tenant at his death. That depended on the true construction of the Act, in particular section 18(2)(c). The Act's policy was to meet ifor the first time) in a particular way the event of a tenant meet (for the first time) in a particular way the event of a tenant
farmer's death, which would
otherwise give the landowner an
unrestricted right to determine
the tenancy. In general, it was a
recognition of a family's interest
in a family-worked farm, thought
to encourage good farming by the
prospect of succession on the
tenant's death.

In constraint paragraph (c) and
determining whether "the occupier" was to be takes to indi-

determining whether "the occu-pier" was to be taken to indi-cate "an occupier" or the sole occupier", it was not without significance that the definition of "commercial unit" spoke of one individual occupier of the agricul-tural unit. In the Williamson case no doubt

Lawis, in joint occupation of the particular land with his brother, had ample opportunity for earning a good living in farmland without needing to extend or continue his holding of the deceased tenant. Lordships to lean in favour of exclusion from eligibility of a joint occupier. His Lordship, as a matter of impression, would cona matter of impression, would conclude that the joint occupation of Lewis Williamson did not deprive him of eligibility to apply for a tenancy of his deceased father's holding. He would allow that appeal.

Lord Lane agreed with the

Crawford Poole

On the whole, the women writers seemed to have had a greater care for their craft, the imperfections being smaller. And while the female condition has continued to be a favoured subject, it is now being treated more critically and inventively.

Bernice Rubens for example has written a highly entertain-ing fable about the oppressive horrors of Jewish motherhood. What a nice conceit to have What a nice conceit to have her cynical perceptions in Spring Sonata (W. H. Alleo. 55.50) voiced by the stubbornly unborn foetus of one such mama. But even she is guilty of some outrageous cheating. Faced with the problem of needing to record more detail the entitled of the provided of than could possibly be provided by the uterine-bound, she adopted the clumsy device of having a doctor fill in the gaps with footnotes.

In Mother Can You Hear Me? (Secker & Warburg, £5.50) Margaret Forster similarly took on the family conflict between three generations of women and, absorbing as her exploration was, it was conducted at the cost of peripheral—but important-characters. Hard to believe any husband would sit so reticently through hostilities of

this order.
Undoubtedly the most acclaimed of the woman's world novels, Praxis by Fay Weldon (Hodder & Stoughton, £4.95), left me deeply uneasy. Fay Weldon has always maintained sufficient objectivity from her feminist material to tained sufficient objectivity from her feminist material to permit her observations a rare mit and elegance but here I felt her detachment was becoming a glanger, casting a chill over a narrative that takes one through 40 hectic years of far from average womanhood.

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Praxis, reared by a dotty

mother, burdened by a dotty sister, gives retrospective account of a career in which she has been cheerful part-time prostitute sleeping (accident-ally) with her father, made an unsuitable and unconvincing executive marriage, dismantled the marriage of another girl, joined up with a somewhat muscular liberation group and apparently reached salvation through infanticide. It is extraordinarily hard to know what the underlying attitude of the author is. Because of the book's scope, because Praxis and her sister Hypatia—by virtue of their names—suggest two aspects of the universal woman one is led to assume more substance in this novel than it

actually yields. Fay Weldon is the mistress of highly wrought surfaces, bizaire events, glittering grotesqueries, pace and keen perceptions—to read her is like drinking cham-page. At this surface level the book is as stylishly brilliant as anything she has done but yearned for greater depth and

feeling. Far less ambitious but within its limits more truthful, more compassionate was another picture of the suddenly function-less middle-aged woman created by Rose Tremain in Letter To Sister Benedicta (Macdonald Jane's, £4.95). This second novel of hers rather escaped notice this year and I shall watch out for her next book with intense

As for Jane White, whose ernment encouraged the growth of labour and employers organizations to secure public consent for economic mobilization. The seventh novel was published this year. I simply cannot understand why she has failed to attract more public atten-tion. Benjamin's Open Day (Hamish Hamilton, £5.50) is a most accomplished and sophisthe representative function thrust upon them, as enhancticated little novel which con-trives to illustrate the turbulent ing their own power vis-a-vis both government and their emotional state of a teenage boy in terms of action rather than explication. She takes struc-tural and stylistic risks—which formal "corporate state" on the Italian fascist model, though perhaps Lloyd George would have liked it to. Never-I like-by intimating the out-come so close to the beginning she stakes everything on her manner of telling and if this theless, in the inter-war years, the TUC and the National Confederation of Employers' borders on farce it serves only to heighten the pain at the Organization of Employers
Organizations increasingly
became "governing institutions", sharing with governments of all political persuasions a commitment to "institutional consensus" and sup-

centre of the book.

This familiar theme of passage from childhood to adult understanding was, for me, most subtly and beautifully executed by Jennifer Johnston in her near-perfect novel. The Old Jest (Hamish Hamilton, £5.95). Set in Ireland in 1920, it tells the story of an 18-year-old girl's accession to wisdom, her sharp awareness of death within the tranquility of sunlit days. The sheer purity and refined simplicity of Jennifer Johnston's writing could not contrast more strikingly with Emma Tencent's rich, inel riate language and yet

both women convey a curious sense of ghostly company at the shoulder. While I felt that Emma Tennant's Wild Nights (Gollancz, £4.50) was ultimately unsatisfactory as a novel, the sustained imaginative effort of this book is considerable. Indeed I would say that hers was the most original book among those by women writers. There is no denying Mrs Fitzgerald's gifts and had her last year's short-listed nomination for the Booker Prize. (The Bookshop) come home ahead of the field there would have been little of the disquiet expressed over her success this year. But I have to say that Offshore (Collins, £4.50) seems to be

straining to reproduce the and the quiet eccentricity which is Mrs Fitzgerald's strength, is utterly destroyed by her ending this story on a note of high and wholly unresolved adventure quite out of keeping with all that has gone before.

Jacky Gillott 1950s saw the nearest we have

The state of the s

Illuminated manuscripts

For the serious literary author publishing a picture book—or illustrated text."—is an attractive but risky enterprise. A case in point is playwright Arthur Miller's Chinese En-counters based on a six-week visit to Peking Shanghai, and visit to Peking. Shanghai, and environs in 1978 (Secker & Warburg. 19.95). Repeating a formula he used 10 years ago for a trip to Soviet Russia, Miller set out to record an idiosyncratic, personal view of the "collapse" of the Maoist orthodoxy, taking along his wife Inge Morath whose photographs bave appeared in Life and Paris-Match. But his main material turns out to be a series of earnest. to be a series of earnest, rambling, rather embarrassed conversations with actors

conversations with actors, theatre directors, university professors, factory chiefs, official interpreters, and an odd bunch of chain-smoking American expatriates. He seems thin on facts, and confused in political interpretation. The show is consequently stolen by Morath's excellent, if somewhat haphazard, street reportage (particularly good of children, bicycles, and people at manual labour) which says far more about the Chinese communal effort, and the extraordinarily unglossy. unglossy, non-technological quality of their daily lives, than any of the interviews and liberal philosophizing.

By contrast, Margaret

By contrast, Margaret Drabble's A Writer's Britain: Landscape into Literature (Thames & Hudson, £10,50), with 121 illustrations by the Polish photographer Jorge Lewinski, is beautifully conceived. Lewinski, is beautifully con-ceived and executed. The key 10 success is surely that the central idea—of the different ways landscape has been transformed into literary imagery— is pre-eminently a words-and-pictures conception it could not be presented any other way: it's a natural. Drabble takes 25 her base a chronologi-cal survey—from the medieval less modern poets and writers and here again the photo-sceking an expression of them-selves in childhood or adopted function—as aide-mémoires or locales: Tolkien in Welsh focal points of reflection.

New Leviathan

Politics in Industrial Society:

other big European countries?

Keith Middlemas finds the

answer in the "triangular relu-

tionship" which has grown up

between government, big busi-

ness, and the trade unions.

This "expanded state", but-

tressed by "continuous opinion

management", has been ded-

icated above all to avoiding

conflict. Social cooperation

cannot be explained by bland

generalizations about the famous British love of com-

definite institutional develop-

ment, a "corporate bias" in "governance", which has been

largely ignored by students of

Under the impact of the man-

power and production crisis in the First World War, the gov-

organizations in turn welcomed

constituents. The new relation-

ship never crystallized into a

pression of dissent. In the Second World War, corpora-

rism was carried a stage fur-ther through the status and power acquired by Ernest Bevin as representative, in the

War Cabinet, of organized labour-a key war resource.

Post-war planning, and the Att-

lee government's policy, was largely based on the institu-

tional framework thus estab-

∍Ir Middlen-as emphasices

tion of class conflict and polit-

ical disunity proved impossible in Britain. The formal political

system, based on parliamentary

sovereignty, party competition, and popular mandate, con-tinued to coexist uneasily with the "flexible practice of insti-

tutional cooperation"; while the governing institutions themselves frequently failed to

deliver the "consent" of their

Most historical generaliza-tions fall foul of the incon-

venient fact, and Mr Middle-

mas's is no exception. He is convincing on the two periods

of war, and also on the 1960s and 1970s; less so on the inter-war years and the 1950s. It is hard to see much evidence of "corporate bias" in

the Treasury decision to return

1925, taken without consulting, and against the wishes of, the

two sides of industry. The

abroga-

Britain to the gold standard in is a notable contribution to

decline.

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lished.

constituents.

British politics.

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(Andre Deutsch, £14.95)

Politics in Industrial Society:
The Experience of the British
System since 1911

By Keith Middlemas
(Andre Deutsch, £14.95)

Keynesian demand-manage ment "—an approach to economic policy-making which, analytically, stands in the sharpest possible contrast to the theory and practice of corpora-

Why has Britain been so stable confuses institutional

the

this century compared with powers, which certainly other his European countries? existed, with institutional bar-



The Temple of Apollo, Stourhead

" demand-manage-

certainly

tism. For these periods, it seems to me, Mr Middlemas

gaining over policy, which was much less in evidence.

However, the main weakness

of the book is the lack of any systematic discussion of the forces producing the "corpora-

tist bias" (" drift" might be a better word) which Mr Mid-dlemas rightly detects. He remarks acutely that "the

price of avoidance of conflict

turned out to be . . industrial feather-bedding, and low over-

all growth", but does not suffi-ciently explain why Britain preferred the "feather-bedd-

ing . . . low growth " model of social cooperation to the more

dynamic. market-oriented, approaches pursued by the "successful" capitalist coun-

"successful" capitalist countries, especially after the Second World War.

One explanation is that

tem, marked as it is by strong class identifications, but relatively weak class antagonism.

One of the most striking

things about recent British history, especially in comparison with Continental developments, is the weakness of the indivi-

dualist ethic. The group and class loyalties of the manual

workers have their counterpart

in the middle-class values of

clubland, themselves partly derived from the widespread experience of boarding education. "Rocking the boat", "stepping out of line", "not

playing the game have been elevated into the supreme social vices. It is in this cul-

tural setting that voluntary corporatism of the British type has flourished.

Corporatism, as Mr Mid-dlemas is well aware, has been

a subterranean, unchronicled.

growth, lacking real legitimacy

(except in wartime). The rea-

lies the mandarin urge to im-

pose institutional consensus on

electorate. Recently economic failure has combined with a

democratic upsurge to bring

of the Pooh-bahs. Mr Middlemas looks to the democratic

potential of the trade union

movement to rescue us from

the snares of corporatism: the

Thatcher-joseph attempt to re-

establish conservarism on the

offers an alternative escape

route. I suspect that these attempts will fail; and that

the next economic crisis will

see all sound democrats and liberals hurrying back to the

comfort of the corporatist embrace. But Mr Middlemas

our understanding of Britain's

political stability and economic

"ignorant" and divided

Britain won both its big wars, which legitimized the patterns of institutional collaboration spawned by them. But even more important, I think, is the nature of the British class sys-

quarry gnomescape. Laurie Lee in bosomy Gloucestershire, John Betjeman in twinkling metroland. Lewinski follows her faithfully, but discreetly; and the result is an enormously evocative and rewarding onthology of the English genius loci.

But it is more than that. Drabble writes so thoughtfully that she is constantly emerging with major critical themes: the notion of landscape as a form of unconscious memory; the split between the peasant and landlord's eye-view in 18th-century pastoral (brilliant here both on John Clare and Pope); or the concept of "wilderness" in the Romantic poets and novelists. One breaks off continually to consider the implications of what she says; and here again the photo-graph leap straight into those inimitable Ted Hughes title-lines: "The Sheep Went On Reine Dead" or "The Big lines: "The Sheep Went On Being Dead", or "The Big Animal of Rock", or "Light Falls Through Itself". Others trigger off the bitter, menacing

Crime

seen more often than not as somehow end-of-year fare. Per-

haps it's because the ones that come off best hark back to the

is possible I imagine, successfully to confect such a thing; but the best of them. I'm sure,

spring ready-made into their

those bests are to be found in the current crop?

on what might be thought unlikely ground, a collection of

rather ancient pieces by Agatha Christie, Miss Marple's

Written for magazines, some as long ago as the '30s, the stories

are not all perfect. A decided arona of the confectioner's

comes from some. But the best

two or three, simply recounted,

not in any way overloaded with significances that would

be better in a novel, yet not underloaded either by having characters too sketchy or too

to the end. Alas, a similar barrel-scrap-

ing, Fen Country by Edmund Crispin (Gollancz, 13.95), is much less satisfying. Probably

this is because almost all the stories were not for magazines

but for newspapers and thus had to be marvels of ingenuity

in the shortest of lengths. Read in the train, each would

have provided a quick, wry

rationed out to one at a time.

they fall flatter.

One of the most effective,

Poison Pen, also appears in
Ellery Queen's Masks of Mys-

tery (Gollancz, £4.95) together with a stort Rex Stout novel in the good old Nero Wolfe tradition and 20 other stories.

In book form, even

Cases (Collins, £4.50).

My choice of them all falls

tellers' heads. So, how many of

Crime short stories

Hughes bricism a dab of melting snow on a task of fellograss produces a poem about Emily Brome. The wind on Crow Hill was her darling."

The very sestlictic poise of the whole book fine poems in spired by tine photographs somehow detracts from the Elmet countryside it is glassed off. Or perhaps I am confusing this with doubts about the sta-geness, the reflex violence, of Ted Hughes's work from Crow (1970) onwards. But at some point the book becomes an artificial one, even an "arty"

Which brings me to John Fowles's illustrated essay The Tree (Aurum Press, £9.95) with its simply stunning series of highly-stylized colour photographs by Frank Horvar (originally exhibited in the Musee des Arts Décoratifs, Nantes, 1977). This in a way is the riskiest book of the four the most obviously open to consignment to the coffee-table. But in fact I think it is a triumph. Fowless—who has But in fact. I think it is a triumph. Fowles—who has always taken publishing chances, namely the donnish Aristos, and the dangerously unedited Daniel Martin (1977)—seizes the occasion to write something like a lay-sermon on the significance of wild nature, and what he calls the "mental greenwood", for modern man. Beginning and ending with vivid passages of autobiography—his father's severely and symbolically pruned orchard in Devou; and the magically untouched treesanctuary of Wistman's Wood, Dartmoor, visited long after with his wife—Fowles gradually dominates and subdues whatever is glossy and meretriwhatever is glossy and meretri-cious. The book takes on a

cious. The book takes on a severe, and almost elegiac quality. Fowles moves through quite difficult philosophical terrain and ends by appealing for a deeper, more truly humane attitude to the "nameless" otherness of nature around us—capturable, he insists, neither by "selected image" nor "gardened word". We find Fowles coming home by a new route, into his old domain: a real illuminated manuscript.

Richard Holmes

I single out Ruth Rendell's "Venus's Fly-trap", essentially a piece of good gossip about an awful London flat-dwelling widow but rounded off with a slap-bang double-take. Plenty to read here.

Winter's Crimes 11, edited by George Hardinge (Macmil-lan, 54.95), a collection of 10 come off best hark back to the coldest tradition of fiction, the tale told for its own sake, as a marvel, an extraordinary thing that happened, as something that happened, as something croing out to be passed on. It Gash's "Eyes for Offa Rex", and stringly outre, Anthony satisfyingly outre, Anthony Price's "The Boudicca Kill-ing", twists and turns in Ancient Rome, and Julian Symons's "The Flaw", a tirle that speaks for itself and says what the crime tale ought to

> The List, by G. F. Newman (Secker & Warburg, £5.90). Television's "Law and Order" author flies to America and tells of an FBI-backed bankraid in hammered out language with much impressive

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detail.

Kid Glove Charlie, by John Cashman (Hale, £6.95). Fictionlized biography of the Vic-torian anti-hero burglar and murderer, Charles Peace. The bastard genre is not entirely satisfying, but the telling is vigorous.

After You with the Pistol, by Kyril Bonfiglioli (Secker & Warburg, £5.50). About two jokes a line in this story of art-dealer manneuvred into playing assessin. Imagine a Monty Python thriller. The Washermen, by Peter Hill (Peter Davies, 55.50). Triads and error. Good, fast-moving story set in Chinese Soho with

CIA complications and police tangling with Intelligence. Hill The Rolling Heads, by Aaron Marc Stein (Haie, £4.50). Adventure prone, eye-for-apretty, American engineer in heo-hah amid the tourist spots of Brittany. Unpretentious,

of Brittany. Unpre-efficient storytelling.

manuscript.

The Telegraph Year Edited by David Holloway (Daily Telegraph, £2.95)

graph reader. It was cheaper than the Guardian, recorded. than the Guardian, recorded births and deaths more conscientionsly, had a sharper sense of news, and sub-editors who actually cut writers cury. These two anthologies confirm some of my prejudices but by no means all. The Telegraph Year is almost half the price of The Bedside Guardian, an economy presumably effected by putting it between less stiff covers, and is far better that gives dates, and a sum-mary of world events. The Guardian's book is not really organized at all. It just

The similarities between the two are instructive to those who chalk and chedder. Foreign correspondents on both papers are obviously taught to open their dispatches with the same clickes. Thus: "Jubilant Iranians danced on the rooftops and in the streets yesterday" (Telegraph, Tehran) and Tanzanian soldiers danced wildly with one another? (Guardian, Kampala). There is a similar accord over Anthony Wedgwood Benn. Compare "Perhaps the crankiest thing of all is his strange belief that though his father was a viscount and lived in a large country house—which he persists in calling a cottage"—he is somehow one of the working class." how one of the working class." (Simon Hoggart, Guardian) and "It is a great pity that P. G. Wodehouse, Lord Emsworth, and Sir Roderick Glossop, all noted for their profound instein (Hale, £4.50).

Ite prone, eye-for aAmerican engineer in amid the tourist spots ittany. Unpretentious, storytelling.

H. R. F. Keating

Total to the profound insight into the problems of aristocratic — well — eccentricity, are no longer with us to observe and channent on the symptoms periodically displayed by the second Lord Stansgate, alias Tony Benn." (Colin Welch, Telegraph.) Consensus even

dominates the last part of the book, as innocence meets contribution, and passes by On this subject Brady allows himself some highly personal morbining which is at odds with the rest of a book that scrupulously avoids the use of the first person.

Billy Graham appears the model of innocence, fearing nothing except being compromised by a woman, selling the gospel with as much sincerity as in his youth he sold Fuller's

Gospel seller

Billy Graham A Parable of American Rightoousness By Marshall Frady (Hodder & Stoughton, £7.95)

In 1949 the young evengelist was leading a crusade in Los

Angeles. It was not going well. In his own words, "the crowds at that crusade had been getting smaller and smaller with every service". As he recalled it years later, has for-tune changed the day he went our into the desert and finally resolved to accept the Bible as the infallible word of God. About the same time William Randolph Hearst sent a memoto his editors from San Simeon: "Puff Graham". From that moment Billy Graham was famous. It takes Marshall Frady 200

pages to arrive at this coinci-dence. From Graham's grandfather in the Civil War the father in the Civil War the narrative takes us through home and schooldays in Charlotte, North Carolina, through Bible College to travelling evangelism in Youth for Christ. Billy Frank Graham, the country boy leaves behind the rough-house and emotional entanglements as he surrenders to Christ on the eighteenth hole of a golf course in Florida.

The product of his prose style

The product of his prose style is a portrait of Billy Graham which is full of colour but lacking sharp focus. He is comlacking sharp focus. He is compared to a transcendent high Chaplain, an enduring pastoral Mazarin in jede cuffiliaks and Countess Mara ries, some vice-president of a Topeka savings and loan office, a prosperous pharmacist from Pasadens.

We see Billy Graham at work in the stadium, preparing himself in motels, relaxing in

THE TOME!

The a feet company unusuing, action makes Africa mission. At the party of the party o his fortified country home, tra-velling in Europe, India, and the Huly Land. We see him receiving the confidence of presidents, beginning with Eisenhower whom he mer at SHAPE and exhorted to run for President He stayed at the White House with Lyndon Johnson on his last night as President. He stayed on the next night to counsel Richard Nixon.

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next night to counsel Richard Nixon.

Marshall Frady compares Graham and Nixon to Billy Build and Claggart. When he reads Melville's description of Claggart to Billy Graham, thus provokes the response that Nixon was influenced by drugs and demons. Watergate dominates the last part of the book. By inspicence meets cur-

gospei with as much sincerity as in his youth he sold Fuller's brushes.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is big business. He wrote in a magazine:

Thousands of businessmen have discovered the satisfaction of having God as a working parties It mas integrity into their organizations, sincertly into their organizations. Sincertly into their hearts and pockets.

For 36 years Billy Graham has kept religion on the front pages of the newspapers. Every crusside must not only be suc-

crussile must not only be suc-cessful, if must be seen to be successful. This is not a kind

Robert Foxcroft

Another newspaper

The Bedside Guardian Edited by W. L. Webb (Collins, £4.95)

reviewers should, I have to admit that during The Great Absence I became a Daily Tele-

happens. On obituaries, however, The Guardian is at least as good as The Telegraph (though only the latter records the passing of Guy the Gorilla), and while Gumdian writers may feel wordier they manage to cram almost as many pieces (82) into their book as the opposition

think of them as opposed as chalk and cheddar. Foreign

extends to the nature reports which are virtually interchangeable. So we have, on the one hand, "Towering above the rest of the forest trees in thefresh wet snow the redword seemed to be on fire", and on the other, "Only the hollyberries broke the black-andwhite ensemble; like little wintry suns they defied the snow's ubiquitous omnipotence."
The hollyberries were in The AAI Soo, progs daily L.O., 5.21, 6.001. 8.35, Lane show rightly 11.17 n.m. 8.35, Lane show rightly 11.17 n.m. 8.35, Co. 8.35, So. 9.35, So. 9.35,

snow's ubiquitous omnipotence."
The hollyberries were in The Telegraph in February 1978, the redwood was Guardian a year later.

Elsewhere though these anthologies differ at least as much as the pepers which spawned them. The Guardian runs more profiles (including Shirley Williams, Cathleen Nesbitt, Augela Carter, E. H. Carr, and Lord Demaing) and they of The Bedside Guardian, an and Lord Demning) and they economy presumably effected by putting it between less stiff sive and, arguably, anthonia covers, and is far better organized, with an editor's tary sketch writers, Frank explanatory foreword, an index Johnson and John O'Sullivan, both now departed, are funnier and tougher than The Guardian team. Johnson's unexpectedly acid description of a campaigning Mrs Thatche amok in a chocolate factory

is hilatious. The most memorable pieces in The Guardian are the faintly literary essays: Ian Peebles on the perils of being run out at cricket, Norman Shrappel on the unsung glories of Lincolnshire Lens Jeger on packing up her bags at the House of Commons, and Paul Theroux on why he goes to America for his summer holidays. I doubt whether pos-terity will be much interested in James Fenton's opinions on German democracy ("very much like fried snowballs") let

alone Frank Keating's account
of a draining night of emotion down in the West, when
(wait for it) Exerce City
desarvedly beat Bolton Wanderers 2-1.

Despite some excellent relatively timeless articles such as a meeting with Philby ("As I live and breathe, Dick Beeston", said Kim Philby in his old familiar voice last night at the Bolshoi ") or Susan Hill's introduction to Thomas Hardy (splendidly counterpointed by Peter Simple's send up immediately afterwards) The Telegraph's book is far more rooted in current events. Its editor points our that "it does not untered to give a compensation. points out that it does not intend to give a comprehensive story of the period." But it is an interesting companion guide to 1978/79 and as such properly belongs on the shelf alongside Whitaker and Wisden rather than with The Guardian by the hed.

In the TLS tomorrow: Michael Howard on Kissinger, Anthony Burgess on St Nicholas, poems by Patrick Leigh Fermor, D. J. Enright, Ed in Muir, and a Christmas quiz Next week in The Times Robert Ogilvie will review The Placenames of Roman Britain : Michael Ratcliffe will review opera on тесога

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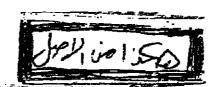
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The personification of Peter Pan Had it not been for the prema- Perer Pans have included Mar- and

ture demise of Irma La Douce at the Shaftesbury Theatre, London would have been without its Christmas production of Peter Pan this year for only the fourth time in 75 years. Previous lapses were due 10 such emergencies as the Blitz and the death of the impresario Tom Arnold, but this time hard financial facts dictated that no suitable theatre was available.

Problems arise because J. M. Barrie's will contains his list of proper venues for the play, to proper venues for the play, to which his beneficiary, the Great Ormond Street Hospital, adheres rigidly. This, together with the fact that the present 10-year-old production needs a huge stage and an equally huge auditorium to finance it. severely limits the field. So this year's version, which has been touring Scotland and the provinces for 16 weeks, was scheduled to fizzle out before the festive season at Wimbledon Thearre. Anne Aston, who played Peter Pan, was already booked to play Dick Whittington, and at the eleventh hour the resurrected show acquired a rather unlikely principal boy in the comely shape of Gayle Hunnicutt, who opens tonight.

Peter Pan being such a bastion of tradition it might seem it with the there was a product of the product of t

ironic that the producers have looked to an American for the looked to an American for the first time to play the role on the London stage. Yet American actresses have actually excelled in the part, starting with Maude Adams in the very first New York production in 1905, which made more of an impact than its English counterpart. Television audiences will remember Mia Farrow at least looking ideal in recent years, and the current Broadway musical version starting Sandy Duncan is a huge bit.

Miss Hunnicutt, of course.

Miss Hunnicutt, of course. has adapted almost totally to the English way of life, and she had no hesitation in accepting the role, although she had less than two weeks to play since the 1969 Dorothy with the part than she became pet it to West End standards. Turin version at the Coliseum, as gamine as any of her predefer leading ladies it is quite a "We've tightened it up, put cessors. And it was a discuscareer landmark, and previous more emphasis on the book sion of hairstyles that led to

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To judge by Henry Mutton's recolution of Partery in the state of the state o

production of Pantomime at the Keskidee Centre, in Gifford Street, Islington, Walcort has eased up a good deal since those

days. Here, on a lonely golden beach, is a middle-aged white hotelier desperately rehearsing a one-man show to justify his

brochure's promise of nightly entertainment. The show is Robinson Crusoe, in which he hopes to involve his reluctant

manservant Jackson, to whom, as a bair, he offers the white role, with himself as a white cannibal called Thursday.

Jackson grudgingly complies, tries out his employer's lines

and improves on them, improvises Crusoe calypsos, and works out a novel fate for Crusoe's parrot ("choked by

Pantomime

Irving Wardle

Keskidee

deaths.

Miss Hunnicutt was immediately faced with the first, rather daunting act of a new Peter Paa: signing a hefty life insurance policy due to the possibility of mishaps in the dress rehearsal, and for many years only the prompt scripts were available, full of always gone smoothly. One always gone smoothly. One former high flight chief in charge of the wires inadvertently flew Maggie Smith straight through the stage mirror, at which the actress was heard to shribe a loud preheard to shrick a loud pro-fanity much to the delight of the young audience.

Barrie's contention that Peter Pan will go on living as long as children are "gay and innocent and heartless" appeals particularly to the new incumbent. Apart from being everybody's child-and Gayle Hunnicutt is the mother of a nine-year-old boy who at one point might have played the role of Michael Darling—Bar-rie's "tragic boy" is a figure every actor knows well because his magic and his illusions are at the root of their craft. "He's a fantasy person who can do anything, we all come across them", Gayle Hunnicutt says. "They have the power and the fatal charm and they know they have it. If you don't want to also their group should be a say that they have it. want to play their game they'll play another, or play it with someone else."

To children themselves, who To children themselves, who take their power for granted, three acts of this philosophy can sometimes be too much. The director, Alan Pinnager, has told the cast to take some of their lines very quickly so as not to bore the audience. Pinnager has been with the play since the 1969 Dorothy Tutin version at the Coliseum.

Settling down on my shoulders. It down to my shoulders. But I think I have learnt to have learnt to how that it is the content to know that it is the content to know that it is the fect place to do television, films and the stage."

As regards Peter Pan she may have got in just in time, for it is unlikely that the present production with its unwieldy sets, built for an opera as gamine as any of her prede-

of the dress rehearsal, and for many years only the prompt scripts were available, full of actors interpolations which made the thing even more lengthy. After Barrie repenned it from memory, and in crippling pain from arthritis, the original finally turned up in the library of the University of Texas. Coincidentally Miss Humicum comes from that part of the world, and her first stage part ever was at Fort part of the world, and her first stage part ever was at Fort Worth Junior High—as the back of the crocodile in Perer Pan. "I was pea-green hecause I wanted the lead." Her tirst part at Texas Christian University was also in a Barrie play, Dear Brutus, and followers of her television career in this country in such stately offer.

country in such stately offerings as Henry James and Fall of Eagles may be surprised to know that one of her most attractive stage performances was as Lady Mary in Barrie's The Admirable Crichton. "I've played so many grand, elegant, glacial period ladies that it comes as a great surprise to be asked to do anything else", she says. "Whenever I am working I seem to feel these controlled personalities who are not really many thing and the second to the second to

ties, who are not at all me, settling down on my shoulders. But I think I have learnt

Peter Pans have included Mar-garet Lockwood, Dorothy Tutin, Susan Hampshire and Maggie Smith. For, as parents Agreed Barrell Agreed Barrell B Maggie Smith. For, 3s parents know, it is not so much a pantomime as a play with a sad directions can be more magical than the lines, for instance the and age, bitterly derived from the experiences of its child-sized aethor who lost a succession of intimates to untimely deaths.

Miss Hunnicutt was immediately faced with the first, rather daunting act of a new constraints.

Acts—21 hours ", he says. The fact is that the brief stage directions can be more magical thronts that the brief stage directions can be more magical instance the directions can be more magical instance the directions of Peter Pan's clothes: "insofar as he is off all her hair in the manner of the Chabrol part. Two days later the agent rang and said she now had the opportunity play, but Barrie actually lost to do so. At the same time play, but Barrie actually lost that the brief stage directions can be more magical into the size of the charter of the charter of the Chabrol part. Two days of the Chabrol part. Two days later the agent rang and said she now had the opportunity play, but Barrie actually lost to play the same time play to the same time play to the charter of the c tain Hook. Three days later Miss Hunnicutt had learnt to fly and fence and fully memorized her lines with the help of her son Nolan, the child of her marriage to David

Hemmings.
There is another reason why the Darlings' fantasy friend is an stranger to Miss Hunnicutt. nn stranger to Miss Hunnicutt. As an only child she peopled her life with what she called "air-friends". "I would be fascinated to know how many actors were only children", she says. "I remember visiting Sissinghurst Castle with a friend's daughter and saying to her 'Can't you just see this place filled with the ghosts of the past?' No', she said. She was yery practical. was very practical.
"She only saw what was there at the time. It was the

first time it occurred to me that there was anything unusual about living in one's imag-ination. The extraordinary thing about coming from Texas is that when you go nut and meet the big world you never find anybody with more money or bigger bouses. There are some exceptions of course— Blenheim Palace is bigger but, in general, it is a reverse way of going about life. That didn't stop me wanting to leave and become an actress. And London is the only performed to the stop of the stop

Glenys Roberts

Speed King BBC 2

Michael Ratcliffe

Sir Malcolm Campbell's Bluebird was a motor car not only beautiful enough to delight autophobes, but as quintissen-tially of the 1930s as the penguin pool at London Zoo or The Road To Wigan Pier, and it is fitting that the replica constructed by Toby Mitchell for Roger Milner, television play should be displayed outside the superb Arts Council "Thirties" exhibition at the Hayward Gallery.

Innes Lloyd's production of Speed King was a period piece of that decade in every way but on that decade in every way but one: clothes, cars, language and attitudes were meticulously achieved and held (designer, Roger Murray-Leach) but the Speed King himself emerged not only as a figure as remote from our time as can nossibly from our time as can possibly be imagined but not too con-vincingly tied to the 1930s either.

"I think it will be a sad day

for this country when a hoy does not want to go faster than his dad, he told a party of Scouts, but the remark scens quaint even for its day. The ruthlessly red-blooded and icily polesticing tones which alligner calculating tones which Milner gave his protagonist belong nearer to 1900 than to 1935, or perhaps they are merely the tones men use for the crossing of frontiers or the smashing of records, and by the time Campbell broke the world land speed record at Bonneville Flats there were not many frontiers left on earth to cross. Mean, generous, vicious and

disarming. Milner's Campbell was an Edwardian cod thirty years on. a Toad ungraced by failure, and Robert Hardy's uncompromisingly hard performance—good enough to crase memories of the self-paredies with which Mr Hardy has been decorating the box for some years—caught it with a morvellous energy. Carl Davis's Elearian score, confident and slegaic by turns, also belonged in that world. There were four main char-

acters in the play: Malcolm and Dorothy Campbell, their son, Dorothy Campbell, their son, Donald, aged 16, and Leo Villa, Campbell's near-saintly mechanic. I found it hard to envisage this gentle and fiercely proud boy (Neil Nisbet) turning into the cocky, historic Donald who somersaulted to his death on Conistan Water 12 years acre on Coniston Water 12 years ago on Coniston Water 12 years 250 mbit that was a newsreel coda to Speed King which, though it began life. Mr Milner has told us, as a play about a father and a son, ended with the emphasis firmly on husband and wife. Exasperated by years of

Malcolm's philandering, un-predictability and egomania, Dolly Campbell (Jennifer Hilary, splendid throughout) took up with a nice, restful char called Brian. When the Speed King found out he kert it to himself throughout Christma and the New Year, during which he behaved with ostontatious generosity (he was the kind of man who believed he could buy anyone, but kert his own wife short! and then, in front of the children and the servants, he simply chucked her out. The boy stayed. A powerful and touching climax to the play, notably well-placed by the director Ferdinand Fair-fax, and handsomely played all round.

Barber of Seville

William Mann

Riverside

The Singers Company has re-turned this week to Hammer-smith where Peter Knapp's new production is of Rossini's everpopular Barber of Seville.
As with last year's Cosi for Tutti he has not scrupled to make his own far reaching altermake his own tar reaching after-ations, for the special purposes of his company. The overture launches the first surprise. Rossin's score has been entirely rescored for small orchestra by John Owen Edwards, in a style half way hetween the tea shop ensemble and the jocular relevision commercial (xylophone, electric piano, and typewriter all have their parts). Purism has to be left outside. The result sometimes sounds feeble or ill balanced, but curiously I was not offended; better this way. perhaps, than attempt to fudge Rossini's orchestral colours from the handful of the instru-

ments available. The musical numbers of the opera are sung more or less as intended, in English, though the storm music is replaced by a reprise of the overture's allegro and Bartolo's contribution to the singing lesson by Amy Woodforde-Findon's "Pale Hands I Loved"; most curious. The cause is the undating of the plot to present-day Spain. Count Almaviva replaced by Viscount Lindsey from Sussex. Rosina is now a young French heiress, Bartolo a hotelier in Seville. Figaro an asniring opera-singer, probably English, at present running a hairdressing salon out there.

There is a charming Rosina Judith Jeffrey, an agile, bright mezzo, her tone apt to coarsen at the top, her divisions vivid and rhythmical. David Fieldsend is the ardent and chameleonesque suitor, Italian singing teacher more persuasive than the British soldier: Christopher Booth-Iones makes a likeably cocky Figaro, Alan Wart the shifty Bartolo (Lionel to his friends. it seems).

been replaced by spoken English dialogue, rather too much of it often self-consciously but not wholly amus-ing. Audiences unfamiliar with Rossini's piece may find Knapp's version at first puzzing.

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prejudice "). The tourist show is still far from complete at the end of the evening, but by then the two men have formed a bond, and worked their way through every conceivable meaning of the word "pantomime " The play is a brilliantly extended ser of variations on the master and servant relation-

ship, in which the two partners continually switch roles and show that it is often the servant that enjoys higher status; as where the haughty Jackson refuses to serve breakfast until the master has put his trousers Walcott calls the play "an

walcott calls the play "an entirely human drama between two people", and this is what holds it on the rails. Their acrual situation is extremely artificial and develops not through narrative but as if by stripping successive skins off an one.

Walcott's master-stroke is to allow Jackson to come on wearing a photo-mask of the boss's ing a photo-mask of the boss's estranged wife, thus releasing a flood of harred against a displaced enemy. Thanks to the Keskidee group we are at last getting an introduction to this fine writer.

BBC Singers St John's

Noel Goodwin

Of all the seasonal music abounding, Britten's A Boy was born must surely count as one of the most fascinating Christmas celebrations for reasons of music much more than of sentiment. sentiment.

It demands choral professionalism at the highest level, and is for that reason not the most familiar of his or any other works of glad tidings, but equally it made a splendid climax to the programme of unaccompanied choral music given on Tuesday by the BBC Singers under their director, John Poole. The concert was one of a series under the title Series and Professor and P Sacred and Profane, part choral and part orchestral, and each featuring an important work by Britten. They are also being recorded for later radio trans-

This is specially, apt for A
Boy was born. Britien's op 3
and the first of his vocal works
to be publicly performed in a
BBC broadcast of 1933. Unbeknown to those first listeners,
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it heralded that device of

setting an assortment of poetry, chosen with care and unified with skill, which constitutes

such an enduring element in composer's music as a

The BBC Singers, more often heard than seen, have the youthful spirit and timbre to yourmul spirit and number to do justice to the range of origi-nal and striking effects in this music. They were capably supplemented for the purpose by the boys of St Paul's Cathedral Choir, John Poole's conducting achieved a vividly blended vocal texture, rhythmically well sprung on a firm basic metre, and lacking only that added bite by which some voices in two of the carols particularly, Lullay and The Three Kings, seem to be suggesting certain qualities of wind instruments in an added range of

On this occasion the profane element in the programme was confined to Vaughan Williams and his Five English Folk Songs, sung with splendid breadth of choral character, and a serene soprano solo from Pamela Priestly-Smith. Kenneth Leighton's Three Carols, Op 25, reflected that vein of English pastoral piety which may appeal to others more than it does to me, but a 1918 Magnificat for double choir by Stanford, with which the concert began, is musically both dramacic and impressive. It was richly sung at this perform-

an onion. But, as played by Lloyd Anderson and Eric Richard, the

characters have enough indivi-dual vitality to survive the successive masquerades. Also, their routines amount to a lifesaving game, allowing each side to act out their post-colonial aggressions without doing each other any damage.

Canterbury Tom Nash

Reading Museum and Art Gallery

Made at the Slade

The Royal Museum,

It is always interesting to know where they came from. Not that painters necessarily carry with them throughout life the marks of their schooling; some do, some do not, and a show such as this devoted to mature works by one-time students of any major school probably tempts us into looking for points of contact where possibly there are few or none outside the purely accidental or coincidental. That said, it must be admit-ted that on this evidence

(which is not I think, at all slanted) there does seem to be a surprising degree of consistency among artists formed by the Slade during the 68 years covered by 1892 to 1960. For one thing, the Slade always has at least strungly encouraged any nascent gifts of draugits-manship they might have. An paintings here, however "painterly" their final effect, are clearly based on the arrangement of strongly articulated forms within a clearly, classically worked out composition. Maybe that sounds academic, but if one remembers that the formulation includes Wyndham Lewis and Bomberg, Stanley Spencer and Tristam Hillier, Paul Nash, Rodrigo Moynihan and Roger Hilton, it can be

Well established seen that it is capable of development far outside the range of the academies.

Tristram Hillier: The Chapel of the Misericordia

In any case, the list of Slade pupils reads rather like a who's who of British art in the first two-thirds of the twentieth contury: most of the groups and movements, like the New English Art Club, the Camden Town School and the Vorticists, originated with and were manned almost exclusively by graduates from the Slade, and graduates from the Stade, and it always seems to have been somewhere near the centre of any kind of arbstic ferment going on in this country. And, more to the point, it turned out painters whose work stands the test of time and can, today as ever, provide keen and sub-tle enjoyment for the man who just knows what he likes as well as for the specialist. The show now at Canterbury (going the long way round between Brighton and Read-

ing) is one of the most sheerly

pleasurable now to he seen anywhere within reasonable

reach of London.

At the moment, Reading has instead a show which charms by its modesty as much as anything. Tom Nash was born in 1891, died in 1968, lived much of his life in the shadow of Stanley Spencer and was never, anyway, very well never, anyway, very well known to anybody. So, says the catalogue of this retrospective disarmingly, he was not a great painter, not stunningly individual. But he was a salented professional, odd enough to be worth a second look. And so he is Scenes of country life; religious sub-jects; simply, solidly painted; decidedly attractive. Perhaps not worth a special journey, but if you happen to be in Reading before January 5. . . .

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Some of the reviews on this John Russell Taylor page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Patriotism must be the policy now

Ronald Butt on the answer to the bleak prospects facing Mrs Thatcher

It must almost go without saying that no Government since the war has inherited quite so dangerous and bleak a prospect as Mrs Thatcher's has. There is, however, a further point that has hardly been taken at all. No other postwar Conservative Government has taken over, as this one has, in circumstances that from the start have virtually ruled out the policies that bring "popularity".

Indeed the election of 1979 brought something like a reversal of the previous pattern in which incoming fory governments have been able to make the sort of decisions that secure public support, whereas it has usually been Labour governments which, for one reason or another, have been driven immediately to retreachment, restraint and correction.

The Attlee government, for instance, taking over at the start of postwar reconstruction, was obliged to continue for some time the wartime apparatus of controls, even if its bureaucratic instincts led it to maintain these much longer than necessary. But the Conservatives, taking over in 1951 were immediately able to scrap rationing and controls without causing the social and economic crises that Labour had predicted, and so to create a new mood of optimism that led to 13 years of Tory rule.

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In coursat the Wilson government of 1964 was in trouble straight away. Arguably it talked itself into a worse crisis than was necessary in its determination to prove that the Tories had left one behind them. Its troubles were further multiplied by its unsuccessful attempts to preserve the exchange rate, and its belief that high public spending could be paid for by grandiose national growth plans and solemn agreements with the unions.

In the end it was driven to pay freezes and restraints, tighter money and, finally, devaluation. It was hardly ever out of crisis and never able to create optimism, though Harold Wilson and the company of the create optimism, though Harold Wilson did his best to mask this by an incessant display of political "movement".

The first Wilson government, which

Oxford

Cambridge

In announcing last week their intention to elect Lord Dacre of Glanton as their next Master, the Fellows of Peter-

Master, the Fellows of Peterhouse have departed from
their usual practice of choosing a Cambridge man as head
of the college. In accepting
their invitation Lord Dacre
will be ending an association
with Oxford which has been
unbroken since he went up to
Christ Church as an under
graduate in the early 1930s.

graduate in the early 1930s. Yet this particular marriage of light and dark blue is likely

to be a bappy one. Lord Dacre, who is probably still better known as Professor Hugh

the title he took from his fif-

the little ne took from his in-teenth-century ancestors when he was ennobled in the last Birthday Honours, is both aca-demically and politically suited to the college of which he will take over the headship next

year.

Peterhouse has an extremely strong tradition in Lord Dacre's own subject of history, although one of its present history.

Trevor-Roper rather than

loss

gain

The year now ends with Mrs Thatcher able to offer nothing but toil and sweat with more than a few tears

had seemed to have the right ideas for a new technocratic age, failed largely through its own political faults. Yet to some extent its problems were a legacy from the Macmillan years, when new Keynesianism and lax control of public spending and money had been used to fend off the Tories' almost superstitious terror at the slightest rise in the unem

terror at the slightest rise in the unemployment figures.

It was this same fear that tempted the Heath government, which came in on a surge of optimism and with the benefits of Mr Roy Jenkins's retrenchment, into the overspending which, with the oil crisis, drove it to the incomes policy which brought it down. And the Labour government of 1974 took over in gloom, had little room for manoeuvre, and never enjoyed the people's confidence. Having made its people's confidence. Having made its problems worse by the profligacy with which it tried to buy union support, it too was driven to constraint and to an incomes policy that led to its fall

last winter.

Now, for the first time we have a Tory government with almost nothing to offer to secure popularity. We have already seen what inflation and a 17 per cent interest rate has done to its budget concessions. At the same time it is challenged on the effects of its cash limits on pay, its public spending cuts and its modest measure of union reform. It is the first postwar Tory government to have to abandon the last winter.

tacit assumption of its predecessors that
the Conservatives, not being identified
as the natural party of the masses,
could only take and keep office by
offering the "goodies" of instant
prosperity and consumer booms.

When retrenchment and restraint
were inevitable, it has actually been
easier for a Labour Government,
assumed to be the natural representative of the trade uploops and therefore tacit assumption of its predecessors that

tive of the trade unions and therefore under less suspicion, to implement them. It could even be plausibly argued that the Tories have in practice more from the plausible and the trade of the plausible and the trade of the plausible and the plaus often than not been the big spenders.

I do not mean by this to cast the Tories as the villains of the piece, and Labour as the heroes. The improvidence of former Tory administrations has arisen largely from fear of the campaigns of the Labour Party, in conjunction with the unions, when in the irresponsibility of opposition, against more sensible courses.

The year now ends with Mrs Thatcher able to offer nothing but toil and sweat, with more than a few tears sweat, with more than a few tears thrown in. Her Government must, from the outset, make a virtue of necessity and appeal to the larger interest of the nation, for the sake of its survival, against the destructive self-interest of particular groups. It must appeal to reason against the preference for believing that prosperity grows on trees; it must ask for the support of individual trade unionists against the

these are irresponsible.

In other words it has to appeal to patriorism—though this time against internal disintegration rather than an external enemy and to a sense of national community. This will not seem easy for we are a less homogenous nation than we were and patriotism is not in vogue intellectually. Tory Governments have become rather shy of it. In the Macmillan post Suez years, it was not in the forefront and Mr Heath was preoccupied with Europe.

Yet I suspect that the difficulties of the Government's position may be less

the Government's position may be less formidable than they seem. As the year ends there is much more willingness to face reality than the politicians cared, in easier times, to suppose. The clearin easier times, to suppose. The Crear refusal of so many union members to be tempted into actions which destroy their own and others jobs shows this. The way in which protests against the expenditure curs fall flat is further evidence. So is the hollow ring to all the special pleading, from the vice-chancellors and the student activists to the civil servants, that the curs them of the country them. should fall on everyone except them selves. The Government's wish to bring sensible priorities into government spending and to reduce bureaucracy rather than essential services strikes a chord

on the other hand, if Mrs Thatcher is to make the most of this mood, she must see that something like equality of sacrifice accompanies rewards for enterprise and work. That means a sacrifice from the company director as well as the worker from the higher as well as the lower paid. (How many directors, I wonder, cut their own pay when the tax brackets were changed?) The question for 1980 is how well Mrs Thatcher, without compromising her policy of financial and economic reality, can evoke a national response and can evoke a national response and national loyalty. It will not be done solely by the mechanics of money management. In many ways the greatest asset of this Tory Government is that it has come to office in circumstances giving it no alternative than to face the truth lesself and each the neonless de this truth itself and ask the people to do the

Bernard Levin rushes to the defence of London's Cabbie

I sympathise with the young lady whose father wrote complexing about her unfortunate experience with a Landon taxidriver (he turned her out of his cab, because she couldn't direct him? exactly, some way from her bome late ar night), but I will not hear a word against the London cabbie; not one word.

To be sure, the one the gentleman's daughter picked was a knave by the sound off it, and not even I would deny that in the barrel of London cab drivers there are a few mouldy ones.

there are a few mouldy ones.

The same, however, could be said of many a trade—why, I have even heard tell of journalists who are not quite sixteen annas to the rupee. But the cabannas to the rupee. But the cabdriver—the London one, that is
—is to me a hero, to be spoken
of in the same tones as those
appropriate for El Cid, for
Roland and Oliver, for King
Joshua and Queen. Boadicea,
and he who speaks lightly in my
presence of the Fraternity of the
Turned-Up Collar is a man
whose last hour has come.
Of course, even taxi-drivers

Of course, even taxi-drivers are not what they were. The old-timers, whose standards justified every word of even the most extravagant encommum are slowly disappearing, and many of the younger ones have a far more detached attitude to the work—I often feel that they would be no less happy in they would be no less happy in some other trade provided the money, the hours and the elasticity of the job were similar, whereas the older generation would have found such a thought aimost inconceivable. And naturally, the world being what it is, there is a young "tearaway" strain even in the stock of the London cabbie. But that said, all is said, and the outraged father's comment—ex uno, disce ownes—that London has the most irresponsible taxi-drivers in the world

sible taxi-drivers in the world cannot be sustained.

And I speak whereof I know. It is no use my saying rhough it is true, that if I still had all the money I have spent on London taxis in my time I would be a millionaire, because I would be a millionaire, because I would be a dead millionaire, the strain, frustration and impleasantness of having to get about the town by other means having finished me off long ago. Which reminds me: once, sitting beside the swimming-pool at the Alpenhof Hotel, Murnau, with the great Muller, and contemplating eternity; and our dinner, and the cakemaker's wife, the talk turned to the harun-scarum life I had led (I am a reformed character now, of course) where women now, of course) where women are concerned, and we tried to are concerned, and we tried to make a real estimate of the amount of money I had spent on the delightful creatures which, had I lived as an auchorite I would have saved. Thus, a visit to the opera would have had certain fixed overheads, such as the transport to it, which would have been constant even if I had been alone, but the cost of the tickets would have been halved and that of dinner afterwards by that of dinner afterwards by myself would have been much reduced. And so on, not for getting the trinkers. We did our sums quite seriously, though we recognized that erred on the side of understatement. All the same, we arrived at a grand total so stupendous, so colossal, so gigan-tic, so difficult to distinguish from the National Debt, that I seriously contemplated giving up women for ever, then and there. Muller then asked me whether it was worth it, and I said without hesitation that it

was. Nor do I regret the outlay on taxis in London. First, the com-prehensive information-retrieval system that each cabbie carries in his head is in itself a phenomenon worth serious study by some psychologist specializing in memory, though I know of no such research having been done. (The late A. K. Luria would have been ideal for it.) Some say, and they may be right, that standards are slipping here, too, and that the incidence of cabbies who don't know the street the pasctator. Meanwhile eady being placed will be the next ssor.

Ian Bradley

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Hail to my hero, the El Cid of the road

before he may be licensed to only one note, which—I haven' ply for hire remains, as far as got perfect pitch or anythin I know, as rigorous as ever. I know of hideously flattened G, an ledge", and you may occasionally see a herd of would be taximen swirling about London on bicycles, of all would be taximen swirling about things, under the direction of an equally two-wheeled policeman; they are learning some of the thousands—literally thousands—of streets, routes and places they have to know. (A too-casual glance at such a none but whose hearts can b posse might convince the more an equally two-wheeled police-man; they are learning some of the thousands—literally thousands—of streets, course and places they have to know. (A too-casual glance at such a posse might convince the more nervous speciators that the dreaded British Secret Police, under a uniformed commander, are about to swoop on some unfortunate dissident. Come to think of it, if we did have a dreaded Secret Police they probably would arrive on bicycles. After all, as Muller himself care this is Friedman himself says, this is England.) Then again, the London cabfree again, the London cab-driver is honest to a point far beyond the average standard of the human race. Of course he has something very valuable to lose: his licence. But that alone does not account for his recti-

not even pointed out that in Britain it, is the custom to add nore man that, most honour cabbies are extraordinarily helpful; they will go to considerable lengths to help an elderly or infirm passenger, frequently carrying luggage not merely to the front door, but up flights of stairs as well some even refuse a tip from a massenger refuse a tip from a passenger

they judge to be in straitened In my experience, most of them hate the present design of taxi and taxiengine, and all of them, of course, hate. London's deteriorating traffic conditions. I deplore the gradually increasing presession (and ally increasing possession (and use) of transistor radios to the driving section, but I put up with it, as indeed I used to put up with a driver (I haven't seen him for years, and imagine he mass have left the trade) who

softened by a plea to exten-their working day (try the sam-plea on a British Leyland emphoyee and see how far you get). Likewise, reflect when you get a surly one that he too, is human, and no less likely to have had a row with his wife that morning than the res of mankind (Better still, tr meeting his surliness with extra friendliness on your own

driver is honest to a point far beyond the average standard of the human race. Of course he has something very valuable to lose: his licence. But that alone does not account for his rectifued in the London taxifare system, cabbies are obliged by law to the London taxifare system; cabbies are obliged by law to the have therefore simply held carry an identification-card or out handfuls of money to a their dashboards, with their chough we recognized that out handfuls of money to a their dashboards, with their exactitude would be out of the cabble who has scripulously names in large capital letters question, and we deliberately taken only the exact fare and called Milton Shulman, which

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for at that point he will interrupt you with a snarl of "I
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Before I leave the subject for
today, one last question: why
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Lord Dacre (Professor Hugh Trevor-Roper): a departure

tation of history.

In more recent years, thanks largely to the work of Maurice Cowling, the college has developed its own revisionist school of history which has rigorously reasserted the importance of high politics and intellectual movements against the fashion-able concentration on the grassroots and the masses.

tory Fellows modestly insists that engineering is now the strongest subject in the col-

work on the Whig interpre- Dr David Watkin who have lambasted liberal and social democratic trends in the Church and in architecture with the same vogour that Mr Cowling has shown in attack-ing the theories of left-wing

Lord Dacre may not find himself totally in accord with Peterhouse's very distinctive brand of conservation. He himlege. One of its most distinguished previous Masters was the late Herbert Butterfield, the trendy Left. Its Fellows inauthor of the still standard clude Dr Edward Norman and to best effect in his devastating attacks in The Times three years ago on the whole principle of devolution to Scotland and

An ex-Fellow of Peterhouse who has now moved on to considerable academic eminence elsewhere warns that the new Master will find his old-fashioned High Toryism con-fronted with a lot of lower middle class social climbers who are trying to look like

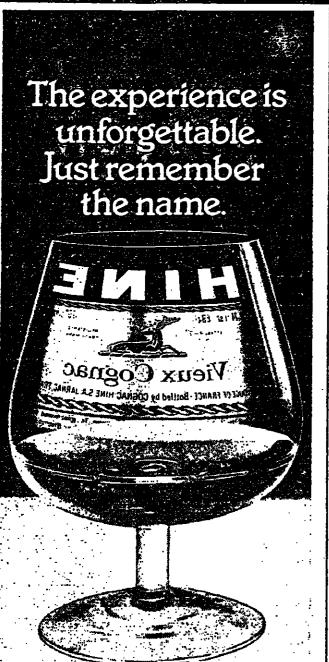
High Tories". He also predicts that the somewhat High Church atmosphere of the college might jar on his rationalist and anti-clerical sensitivi-

Freed from his professorial duties at Oxford, Lord Dacremay now find the time to write the magnum opus on the English Civil War which has been promised for many a year. Even his greatest admirers would agree that his authlished output in his own published output in his own specialist academic field of the seventeenth contury has been disappointingly slight after the considerable promise of his lirst book on Archbishop Laud.

It is rather in his essays and his books on more recent history, most notably The Last Days of Hitler, The Philipy Affair and Sir Edmund Back-house, the eccentric sinologist, whose "hidden life" he painstakingly researched after being handed a package

of obscene autobiographical memoirs at Basle airport, that he has shown his stylistic flair and his masterly combination of lucid argument and witty

Oxford will miss him, As Regius Professor of Modern History since 1957 he has in-troduced thousands of freshmen to the pleasures of Gibbon and Macaulay and told them sternly that he will only lecture to them if they wear gowns. He has been a powerful-figure in University politics and managed the campaign that led to Harold Macmillan's election as Chancellor in 1960. that he was the author of the Mercurius Oxoniensis column in the Spectator. Meanwhile bets are already being placed as to who will be the next



Hine The connoisseurs cognac.

ARTS DIARY

Dreaming of a future cornucopia

While the arts world faces Christmas with serious worries about cuts in government and local council grants early in the New Year, I can at least offer a dream of a future full of plenty, courtesy of the Labour Party's arts spokesman, Andrew Republe

plan ahead. (It is a sign of the inexorable grip of finance on the arts that a trionnial arts world can expect thing the arts that a triennial rolling cash programme should be con-sidered an ideal Christmas pre-

In an article in the Greater counted the Conservatives' faith in increasing private patronage, and argued that local councils had to be forced to spend a proportion of the rates on the arts. "The majority of councillors have never espoused the arts because they know damn all about them. They will be the first budgets to be

Mr Faulds wants to build up the Office of Arts and Libraries created by the Conservatives. The Welsh National Operaturning it into a Ministry of demonstrated during their the Arts and Heritage, taking season in London last week that created by the Conservatives. The Weish National Opera the Ministry of the Arts and Heritage, taking season in London last week that British Council and the East on such extra responsibilities as a provincial opera company can German cultural agency, they historic houses, museums, compete very successfully with will be performing at the

archaeology and films. "The present departmentalized set-up is nonsensical."
Other ideas include a college to train conservation staff, and consideration of a complete ban on the export of particularly important works of art. Improved arts education, a public inquiry into VAT in the theatre and music and rax incentives

for the owners of historic houses are among his other pians.

Like any dream, there will be difficulties in turning it all into reality: there is no cer-Faulds.
Explaining what Labour would do for the arts, Mr Faulds said there would be a government is returned to big increase in spending, perpower, it will have either the money or the political will to be a money or the political will to be a constant.

But at the moment Mr Faulds

ing at the Riverside Studios. Hammersmith, next month in London Arts Association's Nice, a one-man play by monthly Arts Alert, he dis Mustapha Matura about a West Indian recently arrived in England who believes that the best way to get on is to he nice to everyone. The success of this cambit may be judged by the fact that the play is set in

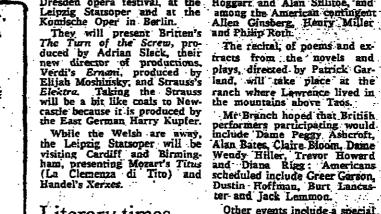
Welsh seek new conquests



the richer metropolitan comtake on some international com-

Next June it is visiting East Germany, which is a bold move, given the current dominance of East German producers in the operatic world. "It will be an even bigger challenge than London", said the company, which believes it is the first British opera company to make the two

Dresden opera festival, at the Leipzig Statsoper and at the Komische Oper in Berlin.



Literary times for Lawrence

Next summer a fair selection of Britain's literary and theatrical luminaries look like departing for a brief stay in New Mexico, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the death of D. H. Law-

The venue is not as unlikely lived there for some time in the latter years of his life, and his ashes are buried there. The festival is being organ-

ized by Tony Branch, an English resident of Taos. New Mexico. On a visit to London he explained that the festival, in Taos and Santa Fe next July, would include a hierary confer-ence, with Lawrence scholars and creative writers, and a dramatic recital.

He hoped that among the British writers attending would be Margaret Drabble, Richard

Hoggart and Alan Sillitoe, and

Mr Branch hoped that British performers participating would include Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Alan Bates, Claire Bloom, Dame Wendy Hiller, Trevor Howard and Diana Rieg: Americans scheduled include Greer Garson, Dustin, Hoffen Burtin, H Dustin Hoffman, Burt Lancus-ter- and Jack Lemmon.

Other events include a special show by Edward Albee and performances of a dramatized version of the American trial of Lady Chatterley's Lover.

New Mexico may offer the giamour, but another celebra-tion is taking place in Law-rence's homeland, the mining country of Notringhamshire. Broxtowe borough council, which covers Eastwood, the author's birthplace, are holding a festival from May 7 to 17.

As well as exhibitions, poetry readings and a series of lec-tures, the Nortingham Play-house will present plays by and about Lawrence, and there will be a play about Lawrence by Tennessee Williams.

For those who can make it to neither New Mexico nor Nottinghamshire a feature film about Lawrence's last years is planned by Christopher Miles, under the title of The Priest of

Rock rakes in the money

I suspect a fair number of people will look askance at a new record planned by the London Symphony Orchestra, a pop-single featuring "Standing in the Shadows of Love". It is really only an extension of work which is becoming

of work which is becoming common among some of the London orchestrus, who argue that providing the music is well done, there is nothing wrong with such projects. Since many orchestral players regularly augment their wages with session work on pop recordings, orchestras are happy to offer the work themselves, ensuring that the players also receive some of the profits.

The orchestras need all the money they can find, and pooyentures certainly meet with the approval of record buyers the LSO's larest album in its classic Rock series, Rhapsody in Black, from which the single's tracks are being taken, bas cold 88,000 copies in two weeks. The main argument against

the LSO making pop records is that this could affect the quality of its classical concerts—and

Ronald Hynd's ballet Papillon. miere next February from the Sadier's Wells Royal Ballet, includes the pursuit of the heroine by a Shah of Persia. He is as unlucky as the present Shah he ends up with the

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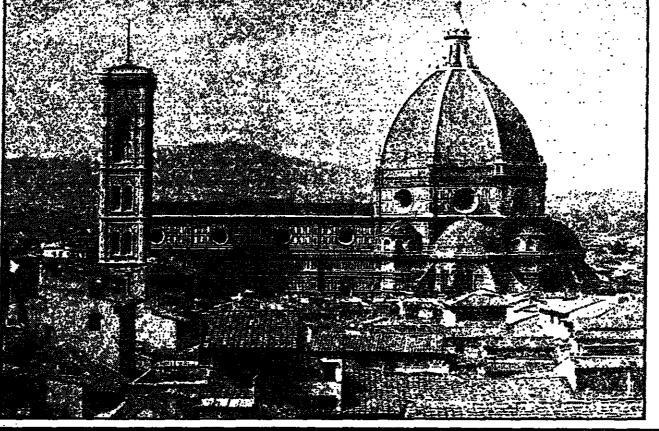


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Siena and other pearls of Tuscany; J. C. Trewin on the art treasures of Friuli and the Veneto

The large picture shows the Duomo in Florence. A vast exhibition of the arts under the Medici, to be staged in the the spring and summer, is previewed by

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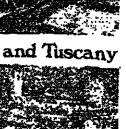
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is that of Fontana-which is set in truly Arcadian surroundings just to the south-west of Alba Once the shooting box of Victor Emmanuel II - the still well preserved and on view—Fontanafredda is also very much a working concern, making some of the best Piedmont wines.

Other establishmens worth a detour include Luigi Calissanno, actually in the centre of Alba itself: Kiola Cantine Barasiolo at La Morra; the sparkling wine cellars of Bosca and Figli; and the world-renowned Canera commune at Canera commune at Canera commune at Canera as Caner few miles south of Asti. The vermouth distilleries of Martini e Rossi and Cinzano at Pessione and Santa Vit-toria d'Alba are in the same

Around Lake Garda, where there are any number of small waterside hotels, particularly in and about the lino-site oi a wine festival every September-vineyards with its Roman amphitheatre and summer opera season is also close at band. No visit to this region would be complete without a tour of

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wine region, Chianti. There too, there are many wel signposted wine routes which signposted wine routes which sigzag their way through the wooded hills of Chianti Classico and Chianti Putto. Either Siens or Florence would make a good base for what I think of as being the what I think of as being the most rewarding of all wine

The Via Chiantigians runs between Castellina and Greve, where in October the Chianti League meets to celebrate the vintage in its picturesque regalia. Wine fairs and festivals abound in this region throughout the summer and for further information concerning dates and locations the intending traveller is advised to con-tact the Consorzio Vino. Chianti Classico, Viz Val-fonda 9, Florence.

One company whose wine tours can be highly recommended is Blackheath Travel; 13 Blackheath Village, London SE3. pleasantly personal organi-zation takes special interest groups on three or seven-day visits to Tuscany. Barolo and the Veneto. Tastings are arranged at a

number of estates. Tours are restricted to the spring and the autumn. During 1980 there will be a series of four seven-day

An enterprising wine merchant, Freddie Whitting of Stonehaven Wines, Headfour-day visit to the vine-yards of Friuli-Giulia on April 25-28 at a cost of about £150 and a further four-day visit to Chianti on October 10-14 at about

Another specialist travel company, Page and Moy of 136-138 London Road, Leicester, is also offering a seven-day wine tour based on Verona and Bolzano at Not all hotel keepers have responded to the exhaustry questionnaire sent to then

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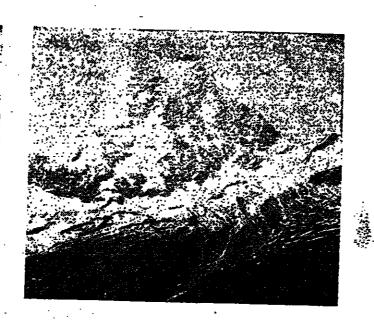
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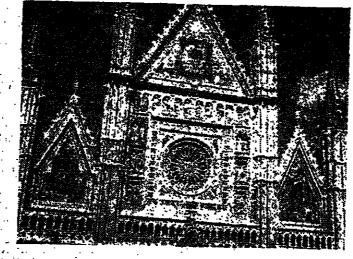












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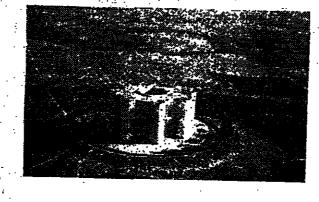
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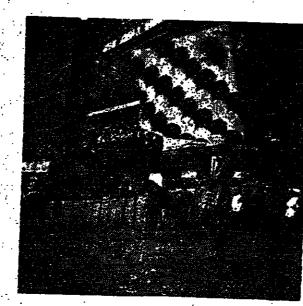
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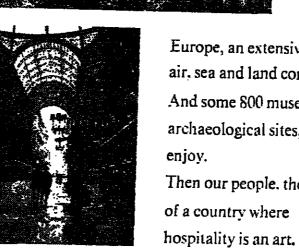












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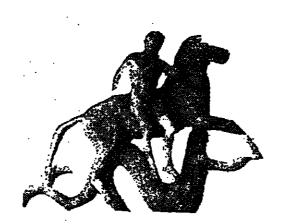
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HOLIDAYS IN ITALY

Edward Townsend reports on the growth of an infant ski industry

Rising cost of the swift descent of mountains

tics as well as novices, have discovered at least the financial advantages of a winter sports holiday in Italy.

Skiers and the slide down mountains. The tour company specializes in tour company specializes in the Italians have become ski holidays, said: "Rates in better organized as demand for their ski resorts has interested and for their ski resorts has intere

of them on the Italian slopes of the Alps, on the Dolo-mites and the Apennines. and even in the mountain. Up to the present season, esorts of Sicily, Sardinia most observers have empha-ind Elba, Food, wine and, sized the one important asset

popularity, all is not well trained able exchange rate. But makers and some of the industry. Observers in Brit today there are signs that developed areas are lacking ain have given warnings that much of that competitiveness amenities which are taken for it could slip from high has been eroded.

Tour operators have been depositing growing numbers of them on the Italian slopes of the Alps, on the Dolo-

cases, accome of Italy's ski resorts—value prices remain for money. A year ago, a modation prices remain for money. A year ago, a that tour operators have distributed the local people show no could be £30 to £50 cheaper the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators. Yet, in spite of Italy's Switzerland or Austria, main to be exploited to cater thanks largely to the favour for large numbers of holiday-entry minded skier, can give able exchange rate. But makers and some of the skiing in recent years serve about 600 km of pistes. The Italian State Tourist covered Italy and much of Office (£nit) in London the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators have displayed in the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators re-offering Italian state Tourist of the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators and for the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators have displayed in London the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators have displayed in London the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators have displayed in London the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators have displayed in London the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators have displayed in London the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators have displayed in London the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators have displayed in London the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators have displayed in London the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators have displayed in London the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators have displayed in London the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators have displayed in London the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators have displayed in London the skiing industry is in its lists 31 British tour operators have displayed in London the skiing in Lond

Accommodation prices at Austria. some of the popular Italian There

continues Italy may price itself out of the market. The

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may be lost". the use of 350 lifts which It is only in recent years serve about 600 km of pistes.

details of the so-called "white weeks".

These are offered by

low as £55 for one person groups, for a week's full board. Pistes

The attractions of a skiing

parties have found that Italian instructors are more

sufficient English-speaking instructors are available.

well cared for, rescue ser-vices are lacking in some

Miss Low said: "Motor-ists find it disturbing that roads are not definitely

These are offered by vantages. The teaching in resorts. Fire inspection is various Italian local authorisome Italian ski schools is hotels and ski schools, for ties and take the form of said to be erratic, and in which the Italians have com-

John Higgins on musical delights

Spoleto leads to peak of festival season

past six years an and unremitting 32 per cent of all European and unremitting 32 per cent of all European skiers, fanalitist sk would put a dere and place. These four festivals are sun and the once simple to the first mass festival of all fairly modest in scope, wine growing villages, such the year in heavy. Weeks of not a word to be applied to as Bardolino, are bulging celebration of works bard Verona, which stages opera with package tours and que and owemieth century, and usually at least, one practically every hotel root operatic and non-operatic, ballet from multiply through its rates well before July operation.

Maggio should drive social lists make restricts in more the festival visitor, on much from Pisa rather than north than 40 fullan towns and call organizations and statement as a small fishing cities giving their approxicates of every kind, incluvillage not far from the mate takes a brief descripting lists of music at the entire of property shops, repairers makes an admirable stop gramme which may be instruments, conservatorial and has one resistant expected and addresses for and music schools and much which is outstandingly good backings and further infor cal libraries and museums. and our andingly cheap. Da Flavia. Once in Florence, remember than one early morning a week is devoted and that cars parked in the locals tend to drive them up

on to the pavement. After Florence comes Spoleto, where Gian Carlo Spoteto, where Gian Carlo Menotti has reigned from his villa in the centre of town these many years. Spoleto is compact and intense, with something of the atmo-sphere of an Aldeburgh or a Wexford. For two or three weeks in the year the talk is of nothing but the festival. Practically everyone chattering in the cafes seems to be in performances, and if he is unlucky enough the masters than at not to be on stage then at least he is part of the audience. Accommodation is Industry had to offer.

The framework law would not easy to find and roome make possible the formulation of a national plan for being the town's leading hotel ancient village. Of course, the new tennis contourism, through the estable a year in advance. Spoleto housing accommodation will the services of commontee composed of seven ministers, together the heads of the responsible for some of the winderful valle Argenters. Grange Sises is placed in the you best prefer. most elegant opera product among woods, grass meadows tions seen in the town and and mountain infrared of the conductor.

Schippers, as much a Spo-leto figure as Menoria him-self. Menorii, though, remains indomitable and Spoleto will survive. Flysaid, a revolving fund of Drive, is again the best 300,000m lire (FI70m) way of getting there, this would be set up over three time from Rome airport, years at the Treasury Minis Spoieto leads the way to try for upware internal try. years at the Treasury Minis. Spoleto leads the way to try for urgent interventions the peak of the Italian festion different regions. The val season. There are the Government has also the overnment has also made old-established ones, such as known that it is drafting Perugia, where the Hotel legislation of its own on Roserts, with its warren of

corridors and its bustling restaurant, provides an excellent base. And there These proposals have still restaurant, provides—an to be debased in Parliament and may be modified substantially before becoming are quite new ones, including Suso, 50km out of Turin law at some still distant and conveniently situated for tourists driving into private sector is that, while leffective government support is welcome, the politicians will not set up another bureaucratic bandwagon such as already exist where a group of another bureaucratic bandwagon such as already exist of the province of in other sectors of national life where the state aspires. Hence, German by buttle but practically Italian by adoption

well-besied will be restaited at a table on the pavement of the fre Corone, opposite the areas, or miside the 12 Apostoli one of the handful of restaurants in Rady

Cave in Maiano is the recomno the cardess will have to eating can be excellent
mended restaurant, although stay in Verona itself. Book very modest establishment
it is as well to have a small ing well in advance is the sheer quantity of the
tering of Italian—the prestrongly recommended the and the resulting compe
prietor rarely bothers with a festival at best combined tion see to that,
mend.

Under the direction of Garda, 30 or so kilometres cerned about ber
signor Massimo Bogjanck—away, the drive back is not marcooned at Linate by the
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st both La Scala and the theory inseminate lorry drivers are ing on the train via Paris.

Wescole has become much

entrance of the opera hou

on a Maggio Musicale 1980

Ring cycle conducted by Zubin Mehra, which will be The festival opens in Florence on May taken a stage farther next and continues until July 6. Opera perforn year. The Teamo Gen- and continues until July 6. Opera perforn upale is the focal point of ances will include "Ofello", conducted be the Maggio; it is scarcely Riccardo Muti, and the first staging i ful houses, but it has the modern times of Caccini's "Euridice' good fortune to be both modern times of Caccini's "Euridice' central and well equipped composed for the Medici court in 1600. The Villa Medici and the Kraft, two of Florence's Stuttgart Ballet will perform "Eugen most comfortable houses, are Onegin", and Carlo Maria Giulini wi Probably the essiest new conduct the Los Angeles Philharmon of visiting Florence in the Orchestra.

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Austrians with 6,851,553, benefit from an overhaul, to meet the needs of a sector which has undergone enor-French 6.453,699, British 5.518,843 (an increase of mous changes in the past 20 to 30 years. With this in mind a group 1.030,095 on the previous 5,070,309, of Christian Democrat deputies has tabled two Bills in Parliament, one for the reform of Enit and the 1,380,473 and Danes

Figures from the Government Statistics Office for bed occupancies by foreigners in 1978 show the preponderance of the German-speaking world. First come West Germans with 37,892,722, then in the view of many could

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to the sea. The passing of time leaves no wrinkle on its blue ridge, while springtime hues

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the retorm of Enit and the other, of 22 articles, for a framework law for the tourist and hotel industry. One of the deputies, Signor Nicola Sanese, said the former was designed to make Enit a really effective weapon for sales proposed.

tive weapon for sales promo-tion on foreign markets, in line with what the tourist industry had to offer. The framework law would

with the heads of the

regional governments. There would also be a 23-strong

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plendour of Agrigento, the Aconan islands to the north-skin-diving are sheer plea-solation of the Doric temple east of Sicily best. The sure. The fish drift through if Segesta the remains of seven islands in the archithe water like millions of he ancient city of Selinunte, pelago include Stromboli, leaves. The variety is enor-he Greek theatres of world-famous for its well-mous; it is a new world.

If it is archaeology which skin-diving.

s your interest, there is a Sicily itself is an island, private homes. There are realth of ruins. There is but one of its special few advanced holiday activititle anywhere which surdelights is that it has its own ties, but the swimming is offshore islands. I know the wonderful. Snorkelling and plendour of Agrigento, the Aeolian Islands to the north-skin-diving are sheen solation of the Doric temple east of Sicily heat. The time The field drift should be a solation of the Doric temple east of Sicily heat.

My first visit to Sicily shout 15 years ago changed my whole approach to holf-days and after mace than 30 trips since them, its particular of the same of the same



Mass tourism defies the kidnappers

Gallura coast, It was deserted the late Patrick Guinness, effect on the island's tourist private beach which because ling student, there is a British Caledonian the prices and John D. Miller, then industry. But this is only as of the excellent barbecue, is youth hostel down by the for this good value holiday, and almost inaccessible from head of the European office far as the wealthy section of becoming a favourite stop harbour in Olbia, the main depending on season, start

and almost inaccessible from head of the European office who cold afford in the sum nown of the Moddalena archigelago was from the sea.

It was for this reason that come rich people made it their second home. Their sachts could be moored in developing the 35 miles of coast stretching from the affect, for rough seas never reach the bright of coast stretching from the small neighbouring island of La archigelago. The coast stretching from the same the reach the proposed made it their second home. Their sachts could be moored in developing the 35 miles of coast stretching from the archigelago was from the sea.

By 1966 the consortium in developing the 35 miles of coast stretching from the archigent in developing to a favouring stopping place for yachts. Prices arranged through a package that the market is concerned, the market is concerne

Just over 15 years ago the tium with some of his asso- It cannot be denied that out over sunny terraces, lush in Costa Smeralda holidays, day, (four-berth Fiat mobile top right-hand corner of Sar- ciates—among them his the recent spate of kidnap- green lawns and flower gar. At the other end of the campers: Arranged through dinia- was known as the brother Prince Sadruddin, pings has had a marked dens which slope down to a price scale, for the travel- Magic of Sardinia and the late Preside Chimpers affect on the identification of the contract of the late of the late

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In a bandit's footsteps That's where they make dom fighter, a separatist law and order and a claimed he overcoats and diving leader.

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uits", our Sicilian guide. Most people say he was
noounced as the coath shot dead in 1950, after seven assed a ready-mixed con years spent evading moops rete factory. Not really, of and police. All admit the

'alermo's chief of police is Giuliano operated in the hot dead on a busy street mountains, their villages and the capital. For real it is caves, around his birthplace of a handsome, grim reminder for those of Montelepre, about 17 hooked over gunbelt—is seen our see in the Mafia' a miles inland from Palermo.

We were taken there at framed on bar walls.

Still, the show must go breakneck speed by a guide in that evening the guide from the lacel who was taking names for a trip pleased to find that mere that his closest relatives do not believe Giuliano is dead, despite photographs of his dead body spread raph taken alongside a guide—in the same village.

The guide says he recently recommended in the same village.

relationship with the village's favourite son. Reminders of Guliano are everywhere, here a cousin,

and police. All admit the there a shrine. On the left circumstances were myster is a bar run by his family, ourse, not any more.

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The same bright day, ious.

Calermo's chief of police is Giuliano operated in the where he lived. His photo-

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Then, as now, Ischia was a there is an excellent bus sercentre for the production of vice to the other towns of
ceramics and of light wines.
It remains a lovely holiday

Each has its own character.

rotto the south-west of the in the narrow streets. Pony mainland with the dominant traps for children are popupresence of Vesuvius. The lar, and the ubiquitous carcharming harbour can be reached by a regular hydrofoil service in 45 minutes, the core fars in an hour. However, walking is the

gardens, where one can authorities.

"take the waters" at varying Surely none can have been temperatures. Swimming in given in a more beautiful the cool, clean seas around setting than that of the resident medical facilities, and all are set in flowering the north coast of Ischia, gardens. Or there are more archaeologists can easily find gardens. Or there are more

At all seasons the Ischetan della Restituta an ancient contadini or landowner farmers tend their wheeyards, orchards and vegetable gardens with the help of their Barbara Stebbins

nan who, it is claimed, has as Guliano.

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The landscape must be Guliano was in the United States.

Is unlikely, but if Is unlikely

torms.

On high points which necesThen in the washed air sitate a rewarding climb Then in the washed air sitate a rewarding climb—wonderful views emerge of the country. And if one encircling the horizon of the must have spirits, English Bay of Naples. Then, too, early wild flowers abound—well as Italian brandy and violets, purple cyclamen and liqueurs, can be bought the golden ginestra, or more cheaply than in Lonbroom, carpeting the hill-sides before the full flowering of summer bursts on the season confine them island.

selves to the busy day and island.

This beautiful Isola Verde, night life of Porto as it is known locally by d'Ischia and its charming virtue of its varied vegeneighbour Ischia Ponte, tation, was called by the where the Castello Arancient Greeks Pithecusa, and by the Romans Aenaria.

Then as now Ischia was a state of a creatilest business.

area, where tourism prospers
beside the indigenous agricultural life of the island.

Porto d'Ischia lies 26 km

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Porto d'Ischia lies 26 km smaller the vehicle the better

foil service in 45 minutes, or by car ferry in an hour and a half. It is usually busy with large and small private vertex and is surrounded by terraced green hills. It is within easy reach of Capri and other lovely islands of the Campania region

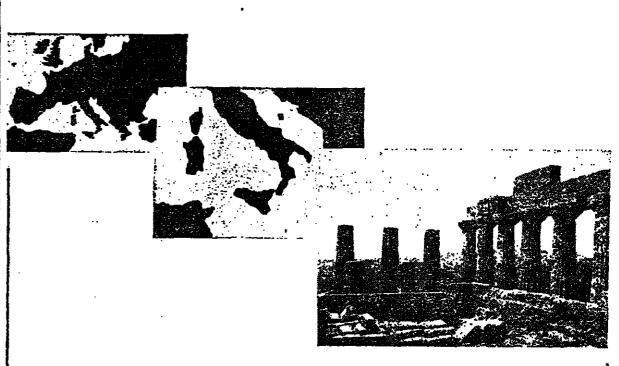
However, walking is the way to discover the many hidden charms of the Isola verte, its towns and villages and countryside. But if you prefer not to walk up Monte Epomeo there are mules to carry you.

the Campania region carry you.

There are natural bot and From mules to music. In There are natural hot and from mules to music. In cool springs all over the September, 1978, four outisland, with properties which standing concerts—"I Conhave given relief from aches certi dell' Isola Verde"—and pains, or just happy were presented free by disrelaxation, from ancient tinguished groups of musicines. Many are now encicans under the auspices of closed in quiet landscaped the regional and local tourist gardens, where one can authorized.

the cool, clean seas around setting than that of the the island, one sometimes picturesque remains of the feels the gush of a warm cathedral on the Castello spring from the sea bed. Aragonese, in the moonlight There are luxurious horels of a perfect evening, in celewith private beaches, tennis bration of the 300th annivercourts and thermal swimming sary of the birth of the pools. Several hotels have immortal Antonio Vivaldi. At Lacco Ameno, also or

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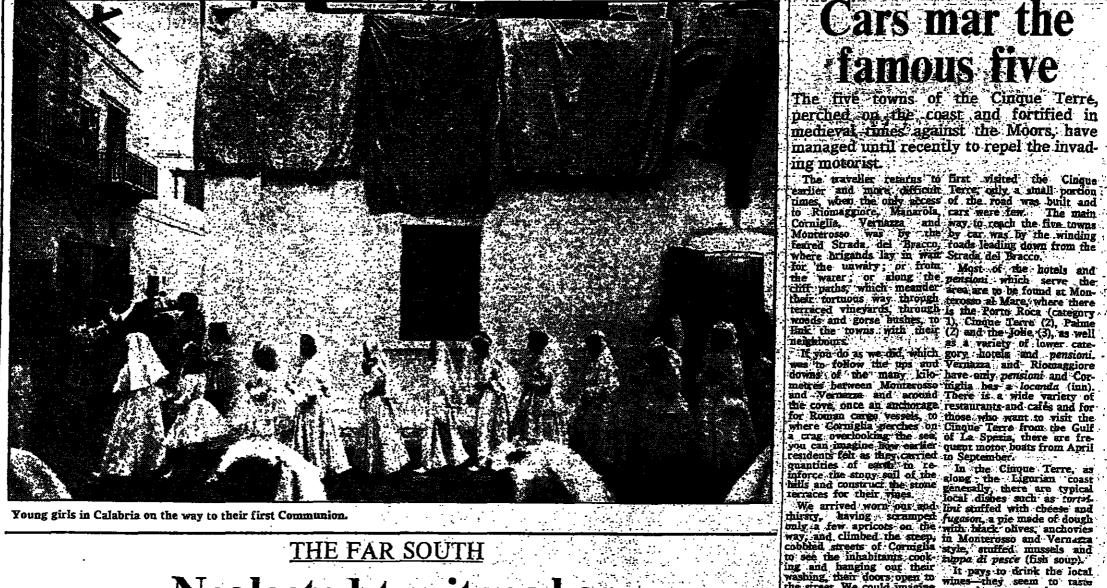


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THE FAR SOUTH

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Off the southernmost tip of sages, blocked with cactus,

rival baron, Montebello, from the rest of Italy by roads and hotels. The sant boys in crisp white came by night, stabbed the mountains, malaria and brimaged in his bed, and gands. While the north unseum at Reggio displays coats, how to uncork a bortung of the managed the hysterical girl thrived on industry and the rest tourism, illiterate peasants from her chamber. The tourism, illiterate peasants wife had struck him, He cut her throat, rolled over, and poverty and superstition, under the died. In the confusion Montebello slaughtered the giorno was founded. Three whole family, excepting the thousand square miles of the screaming bride-to-be. Within a month she died, insane.

Her nephew took the villain prisoner, blinded him and walled him up in the and the labourers in sared at their own valuation, based on their income tax had walled him up in the and the labourers in fortress of Pentedattilo. To end the grisly story, an earthquake destroyed the encouraged to buy them earthquake destroyed the village and any survivors water and sewerage were were being them. Their herd them stand half finished.

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to Apulia, for holidays in a Trulli, those strange little south, on a fine sandy beach, variety of good hotels at houses with conical stone just outside the lively white Torre Cane, Vieste. Selva di roofs found only in Apulia, form of Gallipoli, the mod-

Fasano and Giovinazzo, all and of obscure and ancient ern Hotel Costa Brada-

nearer to Bari and Brindisi, origin, can be seen in a num-

This is not far from Lecce.

Heady autumn evenings

when talk is of wine

The exodus has not been developed on the mountain of fawn-coloured cattle had

are malbred, there is an But a bonus for those who efficient railing linking the visit the secrets of the five lands to Rome and Cinque Terre is their near-uess to so many other places

Off the southernmost tip of sages, blocked with cactus, the lonian and Tyrripe in the route of the contract of the linky, the lonian and Tyrripe in the linky the lonian and the linky the lonian and the linky the linky the lonian and the linky the linky

Wilfrid Thomas store at La Spezia.
Fifteen years ago when I

Diana Patt

Cars mar the

famous five

The five towns of the Cinque Terre,

perched on the coast and fortified in medieval times against the Moors, have managed until recently to repel the invad-

The traveller remains to first risited the Cinque earlier and more difficult. Terre only a small portion times, when the only access of the road was built and to Riomagnore, Manarola cars were few. The main Corniglia. Vernazza and way to reach the five towns Monterosso was by the by tar was by the winding fested Strada del Bracco, roads leading down from the where brigands lay in want Strada del Bracco. for the unwaity or from Most of the hotels and the water or along the pensions which serve the cliff paths, which meander area are to be found at Montbeir torthous way through terosso at Mare where there

ing and hanging out their. It pays to drink the local washing, their doors open to wines they seem to taske the street. We could imagine even better on the spot. for a short while at least that. These wines have been re-

for a short-withe at resolution. These wines have been to nothing had greatly changed nowned since ancient times. To be more realistic one and include bianco nero and has to admit, that though the scienceters from the Cinque and dry

at Monterosso sola and Framura.

ing motorist.

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COME AND

If you look at a railway map of Italy, following the lines to the deepest south, you will see that Apulia is the place where the railway tracks stop. Cook's International Timetables show the end of the line at Lecce, but that glowing, golden city is also the gateway to the Salentine peninsula, whose southernmost point is the Cape of Santa Maria di Leuca, the heel of Italy.

A round trip there from Lecce, following the beautiful littoral of the Costa June afternoon, we found ful littoral of the Costa June afternoon, we found ful littoral of the Costa June afternoon, we found ful littoral of the Costa June afternoon, we found ful littoral of the Costa June afternoon, we found ful littoral shows no detour one to mark the end of the harbour mouth of the last surviving dently they advise no detour in an area without a res- Applant Way.

Washed in vivid shades of Otranto, the Salentine's main frock coat, well furnished with capacious pockets, into the furnished with capacious pockets, into the capacio DISCOVER SARDINIA! HOLIDAYS ALL THE

in an area without a restapplan way.

It is a surant awarded their rosette.

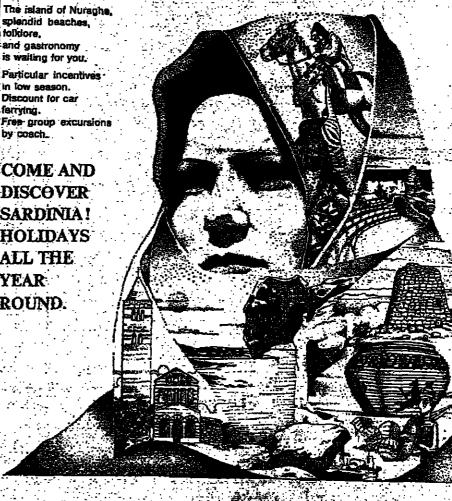
Facing the harbour mouth is Giubilo's, a delightful in the crystal clear, happily amily restaurant which unpollured lonian Sea, you will probably hear the sound in the crystal clear, happily hart of Apulia, and the fact merits the Guide Michelin's attention. Here they serve of sheep bells echoing from a pasta happily named behind the dunes. The Salemincentive to the more adventice of the more adventice of the more adventice of the seasoned with ricotta cheese, agreeable small hotels, like years CIT, the leading Italian excellent seafood and good to on an island site reached by flown summer charter flights

Trulli, those strange little south, on a fine sandy beach, temples of Metaponto. remaining columns of the temples of Metaponto.

Specialtours (2 Chester Row, SW1) is arranging a tour of Apulia on October nearer to Eari and Brindisi, origin, can be seen in a number of villages not far from Lecce, one of Italy's most beautiful Brindisi, with the largest old towns, a true Baroque to read Ramage in Alberobello where the Hotel concentration, published by Longman's in 1965, of a book written by Craufurd Tait Ramage in 1863. Ramage Travelling in Apulia one welcoming town, to be had visited Apulia 40 years sees many square white savoured at leisure, Near earlier, at the age of 24, Arab-looking houses, others by is the medieval port of seen in a number of villages not far from Lecce, one of Italy's most beautiful old towns, a true Baroque character is unfortunately insulted by irritating clichés with the largest old towns, a true Baroque character is unfortunately insulted by irritating clichés with the largest old towns, a true Baroque character is unfortunately insulted by irritating clichés with the largest old towns, a true Baroque character is unfortunately insulted by irritating clichés.

Travelling in Apulia one welcoming town, to be savoured at leisure, Near earlier, at the age of 24, Arab-looking houses, others 8-17, guided by the arr his torian Contessa Claudine Gnoti. The programme in cludes visits to the Swabian castles at Oria and Castel del Monte, the cathedrals of Troia, Trani and Bitonto and the archaeological museum at Taranto. The cost is

Joyce Rackham



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SARDEGNA TURISMO

moust moving scene of culture

our scene", the 10-day began, although memof the National Artctions Fund had met dy in the aircraft throw-Milan) and lun-statue is there) one remem--east Italy.

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st was the official title tour limited to about ople. Closely-knit under guidance of Contessa ine Gnoli (who carried r bead the art history continent) and Mrs mosaic Skene, we had nothown vineyard—while wed as far noth-east as

thite cats watching us market in the Piazzo Erbe: Dante aloft in azza dei Signori; inevir-noughts of those brawlcrowds

f this fray?"). Shake gracious living: a long run exists in Verona alcening afternoon cloud d the Adige; near the istasia, we saw Pisa-

in S Giorgio, Valpoli-Far beneath bleached stone was

Olimpico before we iff, another 66 kilo-

to valled Treviso shining through the a town which looked diously ordered as the in its picture At the ebb of the north-east, moun-

shop's Palace, with

G. B. Tiepolo's frescoes), it is the gate to so much else in this corner.: Cividale del Friuli, core of Longobardian

CITIES OF TUSCANY

at Lodi. No need there of the eighth-century Tennyson's ta plague of rain!".

September was quietly n across the Early tian monuments of the eighth-century Tennystucco lacework. Today it is part of an Ursuline convent approached by a rising path among a perpetual rustle of water.

Aquileia in retrospect means a small town among Roman ruins, persimmon trees in a rural lane, a long avenue guarded by cypresses and Roman columns, and, in the basilica fourth-century mosaic pavements in sharpest detail: we were

Skene, we had nothed the sharpest detail: we were living in a world of mosaic. Aquileia may have been an inserver over the Roman on brodetto di pesce, plough outlining the town a white wine from a plan. Augustus had his own vineyard—while headquarters here and you headquarters here, and you would not be surprised to meet a Roman legion. na. From the town we drow ma first: three inquisi- over an Adrianc causeway

to Grado on the Gulf o Trieste: a small Duomo superb marble columns, and a place, empty that after-noon, with an odd autumnal-Cornish feeling.

we may doubt ated by three contrasted or Juliet did. ("Lover villas. The Villas Manin pouse of Romeo", a seemed to be a fair-sized pamphlet calls her.) town, brisk that morning with an antique dealers' fair d the Adige: near the Then the intimate and en-within the shadows of chanting Villa Kechler at S frescoed fifteenth nonpareil — the Palladian
St George with a Villa Emo gloriously poised rable princess above the grave symmetry of tering back to our a park which knew its functive Colombo d'Oro) tion. In the evening "fair, sed, on the very hem Padua, nursery of aris", reet, the Gothic tombs lighted streets and arcades, Scaligieri behind their a famous cafe (Pedrocchi) of

Scaligieri behind their a famous cafe (Pedrocchi) of a ironwork mesh nere the Roman theatre was looming seats (for 22,000) in Temporarily, on the Sunday we left it for imperial gwe gathered by the Ravenna, 140km south across d doors, a biblical the marshland. "Ioday I in bronze; and take to wife Ravenna's around Mantegna's child". Malatesta of Rimini z triptych of the says in a foresten play. We triptych of the says in a forgotten play. We and saints. So to thought less (if at all) of liddle Ages at the Francesca than the mobile Museum, and to Byzantine march of mosaic lity on a sunlit motor in the octagon of S Vitale,

poli- port deserted by the reced-its ing Adrianic.

All next day was Paduan: termittent glitter of Giotfo frescoes miraculous Virgilian lake. S in the Scrovegni chapel, a curiously rugged remaints of Mantegna's of three naves, was work (hombed during the last war) in the church of the Coppury century, the Eremitani, candles glim-day, after an hour's mering in the vast spaces of Verona the Santo (outside, the Gatroom verona the Santo (outside the Gar, n vines and maize, we tamelata statue, riding to Vicenza, greeted by through time), and, at the donkey outside the heart of the old university, by named Basilica of the Account Them.

e e Fortunato, now a century mosaic pave-But Palladio is the Church Tourney, by private actor of Vicenza and cooking the cooking agent return you will arrive at San take a meal or two with one. It you fly to Florence, and take a meal or two with one. There in somebody's home vou can do so by charter there in somebody's home that of the church journey, by private wick for as little as \$80 of Italian cooking. Italian family, or at least take a meal or two with one.

St Mark's; once gave, at the leading the day Another way to live in night, Padua; and in our station. Fly early in the day Florence is to rent a flat, last midday, the bonus of and you should be able to going out for your cooked re at Udine and our the eallery at Brescia with see the leaning tower before going on the Florence.

In the Hotel Astoria in art. Then, again, Linate airport: "I will discase me sideration about your stay is the time of year. July and myself present/As I the time of year. July and will be to see the leaning tower before going on the florence.

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The crowd entering into the spirit of the festival at the Palio in Siena.

Where history blocks progress

along the Autostrada del well as (sometimes) through Sole, brings the tourist the less usual channels of through the part you will theft.

probably not want to see, as To enjoy Florence we must though the Italian visitor to leave the tourists behind. Un-

petrol tankers. Agip, Agip Florence is to stay with an everywhere.

Italian family, or at least

J. C. Trewin leave it to mad does not one out in the midday sun. One August week I spent in a flar opposite the Pitti flat opposite the Pitti Palace was so hot that I never ventured out till late

> The art galleries in some tralian cities provide a bles-sed cool, but the Uffizi can be stifling and appallingly choked with other shade (and, I suppose, culture) seekers.

it is not surprising that everything shuts down at lunchtime and reopens in gramme of American film. or maybe just one of those three or four-hour Italian meals. Berween 4 pm and 8 pm is the most pleasant the day; you can do vour shooping or go far a

walk in the Boboli Gardens. On the other hand if you go in winter it can be shockingly cold. Then Florence in Britain it is fairly mild. So aim for March to June or

I have in front of me a I have in from on an a userul gumpse of Latina trous display of the property o They are offered a wide choice amone more than 400 hotels and boarding houses

able to accommodate more-than 19,000 people daily, as well as camping sites and station. It was the sort of youth hostels. Unfortunately chocolate box picture that these hordes of tourists hinder one's enjoyment of the city. The lingua franca there is sadly American.
Florentines give the impression that they would be

very glad to get wid of the Af Florence, the provincial its name. The Florence of the inter-very glad to get wise of the II Florence, the provincial its name. In a gorgeous national tourist circuit is a tourists. While they would capital, at the brightest jewel huddle of higgledy-piggledy noisy and over prefer to build up the city the Tuscan crown, other rooftops, the tiles blend in

The first such journey I home. Food and drink are made was an unpleasant surprise. I recall a series of clubs.

The first such journey I home. Food and drink are normally taken there, not in restaurants, bars or night-clubs.

So the best way to enjoy So the best way to enjoy

church journey, by private launch, across heaving green water—from the often overlooked north-west corner and the Tintorettos in the Madonna dell'Orto, down to the Palladian perfection of the Redentore on Giudecca island. Venice at high noon was a Canaletto or Guardi untarnished.

Finally, the full blaze of St Mark's: once more, at night, Padua; and in our station. Fly early in the day work of the station of the calling of Italian cooking. Italian mothers, I found, really are like Joan Plowright in Saturday, Sunday, Monday, dominating and endlessly taking care of their menfolk. Our evening meal would start at about 8 pm and go on till about midight, five or six courses wine and brandy.

Another way to live in

meals and bringing in boiled meat, ham and salami, cheese and dairy products, vegetables and fruit, and wine. On one holiday I survived admirably on strawberries and sparkling wine. If Florentines eat and drink at home till late in the evening, they often go to the cinema late at night, at 10 or 11 o'clock. Italians are still great cinemagners and even if you know no Italian I can recommend a visit to a Florence cinema. You will probably pick up the gist of the film and at any rate the dialogue will not be spoilt by the Italian custom of dis-

cussing the film at length during the performance and reacting loudly to everything. In summer there is a programme of American films can theatre company. I recall seeing a marvellous production of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf at a makeshift

hich put on a programme Italian. of fascist newsreels from the tines and provided me with pets, accompanying the dex-

nevertheless produced a romantic joy in me. Some-

Medieval jewel on a hilltop

Museum, and to Byzanine march of mosaic crowded oasis in a modern as a modern banking decisor of the octagon of S Vitale, owards the peninsula the central apse of S Apolimine at the foot of linaire. Nuovo, and the Garda, every outline manusoleum of Galla Placidia of now in silky haze. On the way back to Padua the over, we were we stopped at isplated up a sinuous road. S Apolimaire in Classe near crag—1,200ft although Ravenna, again all mosaic crag—1,200ft although Ravenna, again all mosaic sin S (corrego Value). The car journey from the car journey in the car journey the car journey said th

an hilarious introduction to draws you right into the pic its treasures and pleasures. tures. In the museum adjoin-I arrived to record a radio ing the cathedral, the great Oxford had somehow started for time visitor. Italian life is centred on the rest of the visitor. Italian life is centred on the rember day. Our hosts, who by Duccio, including his tember day our hosts, who by Duccio, including his home. Food and drink are normally taken there, not in spired our a few fluffy little. pointed out a few fluify little displayed and imaginatively clouds in the brilliant blue lit. sky and, gesticulating animatedly, said we would not fountains - some of them

be able to work that day. Several minutes later, we we planned a television pro- Benincasa was born. gramme and not a radio one. was to become St Catherine That misunderstanding re- of Siena, and the great solved, there was a frenzied Dominican basilica, which has some architectural feabout of telephoning and, tures in common with the half an hour later, they had fortified churches or hesthe next two days. I could tides in France, is dedicated have done without one or to her. two places on their list but. If you visit San Domenico. emphasizing their praise go down below the church to worthy concern with conser what appears to be a big

convent. In some indefinable way, Siena seems to have succeeded in Siena. divided into contrade, or guilds, which compete twice

nual breakneck horse races over the uneven surface of the shell-shaped Piaza del Tower on the Palazzo Publico soar upward towards the sky. The Palio, which is probably the oldest phenomenon in the Italian sporting calendar, is much more than a dangerous and colourful equestrian event. A fusion of the secular with the

sacred, the Palio tradition green inliage of acre upor has been handed down with gnarked olive trees. outdoor theatre in a garden. turies. Whether a member of 11 is a pressure in the Eagle, Porcupine or She. Pisa. The Italians have such of clock and finished at about 11 wolf, the Sienese's loyalty is a wealth of art treasures who city that they are sometimes 30. to the contrada, the city that they are sometimes Another enjoyable evening comes second, and he admits accused of not keeping them spent was at the university also to being, incidentally, in a proper state of repair,

As the two great days main topic of discussion,

With the single dramatic romantic joy in me. Some exception of the coloured thing keeps taking you back marble façade of the cathedral, dominating the billy

Milan and Bologna in the seemingly endless shops sell-north, or Naples in the south, ing terrible tourist trash, as Italian. My first visit to Siena was centuries ago and where the

> Siena is, too, a city of still in use-with the Fonte Gaia, and the Fonte Branda Several minutes later, we which gave its name to realized that they thought the district where Caterina

vation, they insisted on in crypt but is the restored chuding a pasta factory subtly original church, a place of hidden within the perfectly simple dignity and quiet preserved exterior of a debeauty, which contrasts with consecrated sixteenth-century the somewhat over-elahorate the hundred other churches

The richness of the urban character. The city is still architecture has its natural a year—on July 2 and Valley surrounding Siena. To August 16—for the silken the layman's eye the soil on banner, the Palio, in the an which the vines producing has been been the surrounding Siena. which the vines producing the finest and authentic chianti classico grow seems the shell-shaped Piaza del Campo. There the slender outlines of the great Mangia Tower on the Palace Palace. menu, is superb. The region also produces the finest olive

> which to explore the Tuscan villages and the rich country side, with vines growing in profusion and the unmistak

that I was told, in a matter So aim for March to June or 1930s. These engaged a large come around there are special days of fact way, that experts had it not, later September and audience of young Floren tacular processions, and trumtower would finally a useful glimpse of Italian trous display of furling and hefore the year 2020. This

> highly recommended, and the cheaper seats offer good acoustics and visibility.
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> My last view of Florence was of a magnificent susset as the train pulled out of the subsequent banquets. The subsequent banquets to the subsequent banquets to the square of and time again, remains the Mirzcles to the imposing station. It was the sort of main tenders of the subsequent banquets and time again, remains the Mirzcles to the imposing ecclesiastical trillers of the ecclesiastical trilogy of the cathedral, the baptistry with its extraordinary acoustic properties which create the famous echo, and the tower.

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MR BREZHNEV'S BIRTHDAY

ir Brezhnev may well feel that ny tributes he receives from the lest on the occasion of his wenty-third birthday, which fell esterday, are insincere. Compliients from adversaries are alays suspect. Nevertheless, the est is not wholly blind to the ict that he and his elderly colagues in the Politburo, whose verage age is now passing eventy, have pursued their own ew of their nation's interests ith consistency, commendable ution and steadily deepening operience. Of course they have anocuvred for advantage tainst the West, which has come far less consistency of purse, but they have done so withit taking undue risks or losing abt of the need for areas of co-One-party government and a state peration. In a dangerous and estable world it is no bad thing controlled economy, but the wider potency it once sought as be dealing with leaders of Unlike Mr Khrushchev they do

at talk about achieving comunism by 1980, or by any finite date. Unlike him they ve not brought their country the brink of nuclear war over tha or Berlin. Unlike him they ve not tried to shake up the ternal bureaucracy. Unlike m, unfortunately, they have not aline the discreding of aline the liberalization of culre and the release of political isoners. Instead they have en their country and the world

ssian conservatism.

snip, except for some brief in which is essentially spending has increased at an elective in spite of the annual rate of 3 to 5 per cent rounds Mr Brezhney. They 10 per cent of the national rate of viet revolution and its replacent by elements of older

disadvantages. They are offered neither inspiring ideas nor rapid material advance. Economic growth is slowing to the point of immobility. The system is proving too inflexible to respond to world changes or to the expectations of consumers. For the rest of the world, however, there are compensations. The Soviet Union no longer appeals as a model to the intellectual left of the West as it did in the inter-war years. Nor has it managed to keep the moral credit it accumulated during the Second World War and to some extent during the subsequent period of decolonization. It can still offer the third world arms, soldiers and a political philosophy to justify

a revolutionary power has been largely dissipated. The West in spite of all its troubles, emerges with greater moral confidence. This is Mr Brezhnev's involuntary gift to the West an indirect result of his cautious conservatism. The other side of the coin is that the Soviet Union is now for the first time a truly global military power. This is Mr Brezhnev's greatest achievement, even if it can be questioned whether it represents the most rational use of the Soviet Union's resources. Throughout his leader-Union has achieved approximate parity with the United States and is moving into superiority or the Soviet people this has in some respects. It has also

achieved the ability to mount operations in almost any part of

the world. In the hands of Mr Brezhnev this power has been used with caution and mostly indirectly through Cubans or East Germans in situations where there was little or no risk of a direct confrontation with the United States. It has even been withdrawn when not wanted, as it was from Egypt. Such prudence and realism in the pursuit of advantage is what the West has learned to respect. We may yearn for a Soviet leadership which shows less desire to expand and more to shoulder common responsibilities for peace and economic development but at least we have one which is not excited by risks.

The worry now is that his successors could be less prudent.

Unscarred by memories of the war, inexperienced in diplomacy, fascinated by the power at their disposal and possibly without the teams of westernized advisers which Mr Brezhnev has sensibly built up, they could miscalculate. How likely is this? On the one hand it can be argued that the lack of machinery for the orderly transfer of power in the Soviet Union heightens the risk of a sudden lurch. On the other hand the built-in constraints are very considerable. The Soviet system resists disruption. Moreover, even if pressure for significant change does break through it is more likely to be aimed at revitalizing the economy. The objective constraints on foreign policy are stronger. Yet the risks are there, and they earn a measure of appreciation for Mr Brezhnev. Change could still be for the

AKING THE DOLE OFF THE INDEX

ise adjusting the level of unin line with the cost-of-living. ponsible for sick pay during first eight weeks off work, th employers being compen-ed by lower national insurance uributions. This portion of ver people would find that

y were as well or even better tives. The need to cut pubexpenditure is by now famienough. It is essential if inion is to be brought under; trol and interest rates reduced far as possible without hurt-

long the public expenditure, ably both of these changes ts that the Government is now and certainly the fall in the real stemplating are two possible, level of unemployment benefitanges in social security bene- would have that effect that they that have inevitably pro- are so contentious. It is also true sed strong criticism. One is to that if benefit is paid at a reasonthat if benefit is paid at a reasonable rate it is possible for a ployment benefit so as to keep fairly high level of unemploy-in line with the cost-of-living, ment to be endured for a period e other is to make employers of time without the social effects being too damaging.

But these arguments cannot beconclusive at a time when the country is heading towards a recession and the national kness benefit at least would income is expected to fall. It en be subject to tax. Both these would be impossible to obtain anges would save a good deal. curs of the required size without public money though pre inflecting some pain. No matter ely how much would depend how desirable it is to maintain on how far unemployment social security benefits at a high nefit was allowed to lag be level the capacity to do so must do prices. They would also rebe related to what the country ce the poverty trap in that can afford. There is also the consideration that if unemployment benefit were to be kept in line when out of a job. with prices at a time when the hese are both sensible ob- national income is falling the disincentive to work would become all the greater and would apply to more people.

There are few areas where anecdotal evidence is more n their present high level. In , unreliable. Many of the accounts sciple cuts should be effected of people living fraudulently off social security are no more than the poorest members of the tall stories. But the poverty trap imunity. It is because prob- is nonetheless a reality. Flat rate

with the national heritage."

A spokesman for the revision committee claims that that point

for by inclusion in the new draft

found in the Edward VII Hymnal, such as "The Red Flag" and "I am the Man, the Very

Fat Man, who Waters the Workers' Beer". It hardly needed saying that Labour hymn-singing should be done

in a tongue understanded of

the people". Young people in

particular demanded contemp-

orary values and relevance to the

the spokesman said, of the omis-sion of "Jerusalem". But its original inclusion had always

been questionable in view of the

fact that it was composed by an

individualist called William Blake before the foundation of

the labour movement proper.

There had been some criticism,

view is sufficiently catered

more than a dozen numbers

unemployment benefit for a couple with two children amounted last year to almost 49 per cent of average net male earnings. As there are by definition many people earning below the average, it follows that there must have been a good many families which would have been better off with the father out of a job. This is socially corrosive. It is unhealthy for the people directly concerned to have no financial incentive to get a job. It is also a cause of bitterness that others should be pointing the finger of scorn at those on social security: in such circumstances it can all too easily be assumed, quite unfairly, that they are all scroungers.

It will therefore not be unreasonable if unemployment benefit falls a little way behind the movement of prices. Many of the same arguments apply to the proposed change in sickness benefit but it will be necessary to study the details when the Green Paper is published in the spring. In principle it is all right to transfer some of the responsibility to employers. But eight weeks is a long time and it will be necessary to ensure that some of those who are off work for no fault of their own are not left without adequate support at all.

HE LABOUR HYMNAL, SERIES THREE

present day.

liturgical revision on worship. They are messing about ch the Labour Party is parked has now reached the ty's Hymnal, also known as Socialist Songbook, Leaked posals now in draft form are sing dismay among the faith-It is expected to be the subt of anxious debate at the t session of the party's genl synod in October

he old Hymnal, the Edward version, embodies that sense continuity and timeless dogma ch is such a valued part of experience of regular amence at ward meetings. It has uired a numinous quality n its use down the years, only on great occasions in Blackpool Winter gardens

wherever two or three party mbers are gathered together. many it is more than the estral voice of the English king class: as Prebendary fer expresses it, "They are just changing a form of

e Camp David accords

I would like to complement Mr

vard Morrimer's article (Dec-

per 10) about the need for the

st to rethink its position relative

President Sadat and the Camp

id Accords. However, as the

icial representative in the United

igdom of the Egyptian Progres-

. National Unionist Party, I find

of Mr Mortimer's article. These

hieddine acknowledged the exist-

e of the bilareral treaty with tel, now that it is legal and ding on Egypt, yet he does not ocate its acceptance. He is

ongly opposed to its clauses ich impinge upon Egypt's sous: sovereignty. As the text the treaty was neither published. Egypt nor debated in public, he

ieves that its status and substance

t be determined only by genuine nocratic processes in Egypt. It is cause of his clear cut position in

s respect that he stands a chance persuade Arab public opinion to

ate to the present situation in

While the leader, Mr Khaled-

m Mr Fawzeya Makhlouf

2. The second point deals with his views on the present impasse created by the failure of Camp David Accords to bring about a comprehensive peace in the Middle East. While he criticized the Arab stand for restricting itself to de-nouncing the treaty as null and void, he also criticized strongly the United States public stand for inthat any new initiative must he based on the Accords, when these were in principle wrongly conceived and in practice have

necessary to clarify two aspects increased the tension in the Middle the party leader's statements to On rational grounds, Mr Mohiedvent any possible misunderstanddine advocates the two remaining

A. Direct negotiations between the parties concerned, and this implies the recognition of the PLO. B. An international initiative, under the United Nations auspices, which enable all interested parties to work out a viable formula for comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

Both options can be pursued separate from the bilateral treaty whose future lies with genuine democratic developments in Egypt. Yours faithfully. FAWZEYA MAKHLOUF, PNUP Official Representative in the

21 Brookfield Park, Parliament Hill Fields, NWS, December 16.

youth of today which had the benefit of many years of Labour legislation in the field of Health and Safety at Work. Besides, the hymn contained military imagery of a type which could only be described as obscene. The old Hymnal also contained traces of outmoded social attitudes like the sexism of "Goodnight Ladies" and the Uncle Thomism of "The Old Folks at Home". The new edition would concentrate on material relevant to the coming ideological struggle and would include alternative musical settings of the theory of

"Dark satanic mills" was a

meaningless concept for the

surplus value. A source close to Mr Callaghan said it was too early to comment: "We will know better where we stand when the new anthem 'Glad to be Gay' has been introduced at the Durham Miners' Gala."

In need of benefit

From Mr W. E. Baugh Sir, During the course of her interesting article on Professor David Donnison, chairman of the Supplementary Benefits Commission, December 12, Par Healy writes: "there are no signs that the Govern-ment is taking any steps to reduce the enormous numbers of people depending on supplementary

benefit ...". What, then, has happened to the commitment of the Conservative Party to introduce a tax-credit scheme where, on the basis of one completed tax form, a person would receive credit or pay tax? Although only a modest tax-credit scheme was proposed so that national insurance and supplementary benefit would still continue but on a reduced scale, it was argued that the scheme would greatly reduce the number of people having to claim supplementary bene-

Perhaps, if the Government would spend as much energy helping the poor as it does the rich, the techni-cal difficulties which are supposed to be holding up the implementation of the scheme would be speedily overcome. Yours faithfully,

W. E. BAUGH, 16 Farlands Drive.

East Didsbury, Manchester.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Changing the writ of summons From Sir John Walley

Sir, I have no desire or, indeed, qualification to discuss the technicalities of the proposals for changes in the writ of summons. But I was shocked to find the Lord Chancellor, in his letter of December 17. twice refe. to Her Majesty as "the Queen (ie the Government)".

Under our Constitution, the Queen appoints our governments, but she is not to be identified with them or their actions. She is our symbol of the national interest in the good government of all Her People, to suggest that she is anything less than this, in an age when governments are increasingly seen as embodiments of political party, will belittle both her and her constitutional function.
It should not, however, surprise
the Lord Chancellor's legal critics

to find a change of constitutional practice being put through as a mere technical improvement. This one would, at least, seem to have been examined by eminent members of the legal profession. In the 50 years since I entered Her Majesty's Civil Service. I have seen constitutional changes of much greater import being made without

any comparable examination, either publicly or in private. I will cite two.

1. By whom, and when, was it from decided to abandon the old form of summons to a meeting of the Cabinet which was to a "Meeting of the King's Servants". This constant reminder that Ministers of the Crown were expected to govern as Servants of the National Interest was certainly accepted quite hap-nily by the first Labour Govern-

ment.
2. What anonymous official decided, I think it must have been, after the defeat of the Attlee Government, that incoming Ministers must not be allowed access to the Cabinet records or other policy papers of their predecessors, presumably, because the papers might show that the outgoing Ministers had not always acred in the Mathad not always acted in the National Interest?

No such restrictions were thought necessary when the political parties alternated in forming the Oueen's Governments during the inter-war

I was then told, as a part of my training, that it was "not done" to cite, at least on paper, party considerations, for or against, any proposed course of action. Yours faithfully, JOHN WALLEY,

46 Rotherwick Road, NW11. December 18.

From Miss Lynn Kirkham

Sir. The Lord Chancellor applicated at the end of his letter for wasting so much of your space. I regret that he did not seek to use some of it to answer Mr Weir's sole complaint. namely that the Rules Committee does not make public its proposals and invite comment on them before making or altering Rules.

A reply in the form of

in the Committee's proceedings in this respect would be both more reasonable and economical of your space. Yours truly,

LYNN KIRKHAM, President, Holborn Law Society 3 Gray's Inn Place, WC1.

Splitting the ITV regions From Lady Plouden

Sir. A letter which the Lancastria Television Consortium has made public has led to misunderstanding.

May I explain?

The IBA has indeed been discus-

sing TTV regions (report, December 19), and conducting surveys, and holding more than 300 public meetings. But that discussion concerns how the transmitters, which we share with the BBC, should be allocated to franchise areas.

The area served by any particular transmitter can be allocated as the Authority decides. For example, it was possible in 1968 to allocate main transmitter from the North-West area to create the Yorkshire region. But the area covered by one transmitter cannot be subdivided. The main area of the North-West which receives its main signal from Winter Hill alone cannot be divided by the use of extra transmitters or frequencies. The reason is that Government policy gives priority to get-ting television to unserved areas, rather than to allocating frequen cies and resources to areas which

are already served.

These are facts of life. We have explained them to anyone who has asked, including the Lancastria Television Consortium. Yours faithfully, BRIDGET PLOWDEN,

Chairman, Independent Broadcasting Authority, 70 Brompton Road, SW3. December 19.

The Silvestri family From Mr J. M. Trotter

nevertheless came."

Sir. With reference to your law report (December 13) of the Court of Appeal's decision on December 12 1979 in the case of Silvestri v Crawley Borough Council, you stated in your summary of facts that:
"Before they [the Silvestri
family] left [Italy] they heard that a flat they had been promised was no longer available; they

Whether or not my client Mr Silvestri knew that the accommodetion arranged for his family had been cancelled is a marter in issue which remains to be established at the trial. My client, his wife and the brother-in-law who made the vital telephone call from Redhill to Italy, have always forcefully maintained that the call came through after they left Naples, so that the Silvestris only got the news after they arrived in Eng-land. Affidavits to this effect have

been sworn. Yours faithfully. IOHN M. TROTTER. Bates. Wells & Braithwaite. 81 Carter Lane, EC4. December 13.

Britain's independent nuclear deterrent

From Lieutenant-General Sir John
Cowley
Sir, In November, 1959, I gave a on the USSR with the near cer-

Sir, In November, 1959, I gave a speech at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies on the subject of "Future trends in warfare". In it I made a comment on the policy of this country paying large and increasing sums of money maintaining and todaying our maintaining and updating our "independent nuclear deterrent". You were kind enough to report my speech and indeed to write a leading article about it on November 12, Since my retirement from the

Army, I have assumed that the defence of this country has been to rely on the strength of the Western Alliance, headed by the United States, against a possible military threat by the Soviet bloc. Yesterday evening I watched on BBC 1 a discussion on this subject hetween Mr Francis Pym and Field Marshal Lord Carver. I was astonished to learn that our official government policy still is to main-

tain and update at great expense an "independent nuclear deterrent". A deterrent must imply not only A deterrent must imply not only a threat but an intention to use it under certain, however unlikely, circumstances. This means that a situation could arise when we, independently, will use our nuclear submarine weapons to destroy certain targets in Soviet Russia at the expense of the total extermination of Great Britain. Mr Pym was strong in the hope that this would

strong in the hope that this would never happen, but the official policy makes it clear that it might.
Would it not be more sensible to spend the enormous sum of money required to update the deterrent on providing our Navy. Army and Air Force with more and better conventional arms and equipment-and leaving the terrifying and vastly expensive game of bluff to the two super rowers?

Yours faithfully, JOHN COWLEY. Sandy Down. Lymington. December 11.

From: Sir Frederic Bennett, MP ior Torbay (Conservative) Sir, Mrs Elizabeth Young (Monday December 10), in her letter leaded "Arms control for security", bases

her contentions, in the context only of the USA and the USSR. She fails to appreciate that there is also a specific European dimension to the problem. The dread contingency which our

political and military strategists have to take into account, is that the Russians may be tempted, while the imbalance of our force strengths in Europe persists, at any time, to launch a Blitzkreig using conventional arms, unless it should prove necessary also to have recourse to tactical nuclear weapons, in order to reach the Channel Ports in a

matter of days.

One's credibility is strained if one thinks that at that stage we on this side of the Atlantic could

tainty, now that the Americans have lost their former undoubted super-iority in this field, that the damage this would cause throughout the Soviet Union would be matched by similar degree of unacceptable

Asstruction in the USA.

In any event, even if the President of the day, in Washington, were to take such a mutually suicidal step it would bring no relief to her already defeated European

in her already defeated European Nato partners!

Today the only tactical nuclear weapons that we are in a position to deploy against such a Soviet attack are capable solely of reaching targets in the reluctantly hostile, potentially friendly satellites: while the multi-headed SS20s and Backfire bombers which the Russians already possess in such Russians already possess in such numbers, have a range sufficient to devastate the whole of Western Europe including the UK.

Hence the urgent need not only to strengthen our conventional forces, but to establish a new deterrence capacity, in the tactical nuclear field. Hence also the Russian determination by all means at their disposal to prevent us Yours etc. F. BENNETT

House of Commons December 11.

From Projessor N. F. Kember

Sir, On learning that the Government has agreed to the deployment of 160 cruise missiles on this small island, I decided to inform myself on Civil Defence Measures. A prip HMSO revealed that only booklet was available, Nuclear Weapons, price 86p.

It required some study to dis-cover with reference to a 20 MT nuclear bomb on Westminster that if I am at home in Pinner and not at work in the City I am safe from blast effects (only moderate dam-age to the house, section 7.12), from heat effects (unless I am in the garden, 5.7, wearing cotton outer garments, 5.11) and that my car will not be severely displaced (7.14). Should the wind be SE, however. would receive a lerbal dose from fallout in a few hours even inside the house (sections 8.17 & 9.19). There is no mention of Defence arrangements apart from the Warning and Monitoring Organization (3.1) and the "debris problem" (7.16).

If this Government reaffirms its

trust in the diplomacy of nuclear deterrence, it has some duty to warn the public of the consequences of the failure of that policy—it does so continuously on economic mat-ters. Perhaps a fraction of the \$35 million for new missile stees the \$35 million for new missile sites should be spent keeping the public up to date on Civil Defence Precautions. Yours sincerely, N. F. KEMBER, Physics Department, The Medical College of

St Bartholomew's Hospital, Charterhouse Square, EC1. December 13.

Saying energy From Mr T. C. F. Prittle

Sir, Events in Iran and, to a minor extent, in Saudi Arabia and Libya should be reminders that there is a real danger of a world shortage of oil in the near future, of a potentially much more serious nature than that of 1973-74. A slap-happy notion exists in this country that Britain will be "all right" because of North-Sea oil. This is myopic in the extreme—if there is a serious oil shortage. Britain will be under heavy pressure to help her EEC partners. As they are friends and allies, Britain should not just be ready to help them, but should want

In any case, our country is becoming poorer in a general sense, in spite of North Sea oil. Energy conservation is desirable, whether or not an energy crisis is just round the corner. There are steps which the Government should, and presumably is, working out. But the British should be invited to cooperate, voluntarily. Driving their cars at a sensible speed saves lives, as well as petrol. This is not happening and one notes, sadly, that the richest cars on the roads have the

least regard for national interests. Then, why not "car sharing" by commuters and others? It is being done in the United States, a far richer country than Britain. I walk to work, which is good for my liver as well as my pocket, and every morning I see an unending stream

of commuter-cars, one man (seldom a woman) at the wheel, intent on a "comfortable run to work". No passenger, ever. One is equally impressed by the sheer, stupid waste and the toral absence of enlightened We are not just a poor nation.

but a wasteful one. It is little consolation that the sword of Democles when it eventually descends, will sever the empty skulls from joyriding trunks. Yours faithfully.

TERENCE PRITTIE. 9 Blithfield Street, W8.

From Mr Peter Fontes Sir. As a sufferer in an overheated office in a nationalised industry. may I point out to your correspondents Messrs Williams and Sampson (December 10 and 14) that all is not

quire hot air.
When I mentioned to our office administrator that consistently leating my office to a temperature in the mid-eighties in winter was both oppressive and extremely uneconomic, he mindful of the requirements under the 1976 Energy Act, immediately offered me an electric fan to cool the office cown to the regulation temperature. I remain, Sir. Yours fuzzingly, PETER FONTES. 12 Manorcrofts Road, Egham.

Safety first From Dr J. A. Muir Grav

Sir. It is encouraging to see your columns used to discuss the means by which contrition can be expressed by one driver to another; I use the uplifted hand and solemn forward lowering of the head because anything which reduces tension and anger promotes safer driving. May I commend three other hand signals which promote safer driving if used in the pub or at a

Firstly, the uplifted hand, palm forward—as though taking an oath: this, accompanid by a smile and shake of the head means: "No thanks, I won't have any alcohol, I'm driving."
The second is the outstretched

hand, palm down, tilted slightly upwards, like a Papal blessing. This accompanied by a stern look, means: "Don't keep pressing our friend to have another alcoholic drink; he's trying to refuse politely because he is driving."

The third is the hand cupped under a friend's elbow accompanied by the words: "Let's take a taxi and collect your car tomorrow; it will be much after?" will be much safer

Those who drink and drive kill and maim themselves and other people and impose a tremendous burden on the National Health Service which must use resources to treat such injuries. They therefore injure people other than those directly involved because the resources they consume cannot be used for services such as domiciliary nursing and renal transplantation. Some people will drink and drive whatever the circumstances. Many

Surrey. December 17. people, however, still feel uneasy hout refusing alcoholic drinks at Christmas time. This year let us make it easier for them to say "no" without feeling they have offended

their host. Yours faithfully, J. A. MUIR GRAY. Community Physician, Health Offices, Greyfriars, Paradise Street,

Steadying the Ark From the Principal of Heythrop

College Sir, In your wise editorial on the Schillebeeckx affair (December 14) you distinguish nicely between theo logical outriders and the Church's magisterium proceeding with the caution appropriate to those bear ing the Ark. But where would you place the poor waggon driver. Uzzah, who put out his hand to steady the Ark on its uneven jour-ney to Jerusalem? He was struck Yours faithfully, IOHN MAHONEY SJ.

Heythrop College. 11-13 Cavendish Square, W1.

CHRISTOPHER DYMENT,

- 25 Ladbroke Gardens, W11.

God's messenger From Mr Christopher Dyment Sir, Salieri was as popular then as Mr Alpert (letter, December 12) is now. Yours faithfully,

From Mr K. R. Smith

Charities and

Sir, A client wants to build covered swimming pool, cost £100,000. VAT nil. Camerbury cathedral appeals for £3.000.000 for repairs. VAT £391,000. Dr Barnardo's, Oxfam, Shelter, You name them, tiety pay the whenever they need to be a the it whenever they need to keep the rain out. Better build a swimming !וססמ

A Zero Rated prize for anyone who can think of anything sillier. Yours faithfully, KENNETH R. SMITH, 35 Stratford Road. Watford, Hertfordshire,

From the Reverend P. E. de D. Warburton

Sir, Repairs to churches are serious

enough, but here we have to rebuild the entire church, destroyed by arson in May. If we pulled down our remaining Saxon and other walls we would save ourselves some £35,000, but is this what the nation really wants?

Hale Parish Church, near Liverpool, was similarly burned and found their VAT assessment increased from \$20,000 to \$22,000 at the last Budget vet, like us. would pay no VAT if the walls were pulled down and a "new" church built.

Of the £400,000 total cost we have to raise £150,000 and, because we believe it right to restore and preserve what can be saved, we have set ourselves to find it, knowing that 25 per cent of this is not for building but for tax. Yours faithfully, PIERS WARBURTON, Vicar of St Peter's,

Yateley, Camberley, Surrey.

British Steel closures

From Mr D. M. A. Doeh Sir, I can well believe that Professor Thornton's view expressed in your columns of December 18, is, as he says, uncoloured by nationalist sentiment: he obviously has no conceprion of the United Kingdom as a nation with national problems. If he had any such conception, he would have considered the follow-

z: The social factor. If people with power and influence—clause four socialists(?) or otherwise—do not start to take more seriously into account nursely economic factors the community that will be destroyed is the whole of the kingdom. The number of people whose way of life and prospects will be destroyed if that happens is very considerably more than the 9,500 employed at Llanwern.

b: The skill factor. One of the worst constraints on economic expansion in British industry has consistently been a shortage of skilled labour.
It is a waste from everyone's point of view for able people to be kept in unproductive jobs when they are elsewhere. Our tax money would be very much better spent retraining and relocating people for jobs worth doing in places that can provide sufficiently fluid labour markets for them to have a chance of living fulfilling working lives for the foreseeable future. Why does Professor Thornton assume that the world as it used to be must be the best of all possible ones?

c: The canital factor. If we follow Professor Thornton's advice, we will be too poor to make any capital investments, let alone maintain Llanwern. Anyway, maintaining the from keebing it running : if production is run down or suspended, it might be affordable to keep the plant in condition to take advantage of an upsurge in demand if there is

d: The attitude factor. The fact that Professor Thornton rarely meets people who rake oride in their work may be a reflection on the circles in which he mixes. Again, if the labour force at Llanwern are such fine fellows, they may be more useful to themselves and the rest of society gainfully employed in pro-ductive industries elsewhere, and money would be better spent retraining and relocating them.

If Professor Thornton really feels that the Llanwern plant should be maintained. I suggest that he make a written offer of a specific sum to the British Steel Corporation. Perhaps if enough other people were to make such offers, the BSC might to private and issue them shares. I do not see why I should be made to contribute my tax money to a wasteful cause when it can be better spent otherwise at a rime when the nation as a whole is in perilous economic decline. Yours faithfully, D. M. A. DOEH. 1 Callow Street, SW3.

Closure of consulates From Mrs Norman Reddacay

December 18.

Sir. A quote from a Christmas message from Sweden --"The people of Gothenburg are

mad about the planned dropping of your Consulate-General here. The American C-G has also been reduced, while the Russians are building a clorious new office, with large staff." Yours etc.

JEAN REDDAWAY, 51 Carlton Hill, NW8.

Christmas post From Mr Vivian Vale

Sir, I have just received a circular letter from an officer of one of our numerous book clubs. Below his signature stand the words "Fulfilment Director". Is this citular novelty, I wonder, the most exact contemporary rendering of "Father contemporary rendering of "Father Christmas", or have any of your readers come across an even apter equivalent? Yours faithfully,

VIVIAN VALE, The Warden's Lodge. South Stoneham House, Swavthling, December 17.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 19: The Queen this
morning invested The Prince
Andrew with the Insignla of a
Commander of the Royal Vic-

Alfonso William Dennis was received in audience by Her Majesty
this morning and presented the
Letters of Recall of his predecessor
and his own Letters of Credence as
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Planing the Populities Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Liberia to the Court of St

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to The Queen Mr James H. Stevens (Counsellor) Mr Nathan Barnes (First Secre-tary), Mr Alexander Wallace (Second Secretary), Mr John P. Morais (Press and Cultural Coun-sellor) and Mrs Theresa Sherman-Pennoh (Educational Counsellor). Mrs Dengis had the honour of rennon (Educational Counsellor).

Mrs Dennis had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

Mr Rugh Cortazzi (Deputy Under-Secretary of State For Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of heing received by The Queen, was present and the Gentleman of the Household in Walting were in attendance.

Household in Walting were in attendance.

His Excellency Dr Hans Ruete and Frau Ruete were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plemipotentlary from the Federal Republic of Germany to the Court of St James's.

The Queen held a Council at 12,30 n'clock this afternoon.

There were present: the Lord Hallsham of St Marylehone (Lord Chancellor; acting for the Lord President), the Lord Carrington (Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), the Right Hon William Whitelaw. MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department) and the Right Hon Francis Pym. MP (Secretary of State for State for Defence).

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Mr Neville Leigh was in atten-dance as Clerk of the Council. The Lord Hallsham of St Marylehone had an audience of Her

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher. MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this The Duke of Edinburgh this

morning received the Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists (President, Profes-sor R. E. Steiner) and opened the new college building at 38, Port-land Place, W.1. Mr Richard Davies was in atten-

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE December 19: Princess Alexandra presented the 1979 Waman's Own Children of Courage Awards during a Carol Service in Westminster Abbey this morning.

The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Sir George Coldstream, QC, 72; Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, 53; Sir Joha Lang, 83; Sir Clifford Naunton Morgan, 78; Viscount Sandon, 57; Sir Dick White, 73.

Royal College of Radiologists

The Duke of Edinburgh received the honorary fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists and formally opened the college building at 33 Portland Place yesterday. He was received by Professor R. E. Steiner president of the College. Steiner, president of the college, nd Mrs Steiner. Among those

and Mrs Steiner. Among those incisent were:

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Of Mrs. Brund Roberts. Dr. M. Lewis, Dr. K. G. Simnkins and Adiologists of Council. Lord and Laidy Chardson, Lady Roberts. Sir John Cad. Surgeon Rear-Admired J. A. R. Irrison, Miss Barbara Key, Mr M. H. Joerdon, Mrs. Barbara Key, Mr M. H. Joerdon, Mr J. S. Fraser, Mr K. Justen Mr N. G. Truil, Professor E. Emis and Mr J. J. Wall.

Latest appointments



Mrs Jane Findlay, to be deputy chairman of the Equal Oppor-tunities Commission from January 1.

Dinner

Lady Mayoress The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, entertained the follow-ing guests at dinner at the Mansion ng guests at dinner at the Mansion on the world of the could be comed and the Monton of the Mansion of the Monton of the Monton



left: Arthur Lowe, Neil McIntosh, the Duke of Westminster, Cardinal Hume, Lord Home of the Hirsel, Mark Carlisle, OC, MP, Penelope Keith, Sian Phillips and Barbara Cartland

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. A. Dove and Miss J. E. Holland The engagement is andounced be-tween Andrew, younger son of Dr and the Hon Mrs Dove, of Child-wall, Liverpool, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. H. Holland, of Lavenham, Suffolk.

Mr T. T. Becrak. Jr and Miss R. G. D. Beamad The engagement is announced between Thaddeus, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. T. Beczak, of Pittsburgh. Pennsylvania, United States. and Rosalind, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. A. C. Beaman, of Lyne House Farm, Newent, Gloucestershire.

Mr W. W. Dietz and Miss S. P. Griffin The engagement is announced hetween Wolfgang, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. Dietz, of Duchau, West Germany and Dachau, West Germany, and Sarah, e'der daughter of Dr and Mrs G. A. Griffin, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr W. A. Hibbert and Miss S. H. M. Woodley The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. Hibbert, of Chapel-enle-Prith, Derhyshire, and Margaret, elder daughter of Commander and Mrs W. N. L. Woodley, of Grayshott. Surrey.

Mr S. R. Hodges and Miss F. A. Mehlman The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. M. M. Hodges, of Hampton and Clearwater. Florida, and Felice, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs S. J. Mehlman, of Brussels and New York.

held for the past eight years, as

artendance at its concerts in the Festival Hall.
In the 1978-79 season it was

joined at the top of the table by the London Symphony Orchestra, each having an average

Orchestra, each having an average attendance of 79 per cent. In the figures published in the annual report of the London Orchestral Concert Board, the Philharmonia came third, with 75 per cent, a big increase on the 64 per cent of the previous year. The Royal Philharmonic came fourth, with 71 per cent. The average attendance at the concerts was up from 73 to 76 per cent, but that was achieved only by the inclusion of many propular works in the programmes. The composer most played by

popular works in the programmes. The composer most played by the four orchestras was Beethoven (44 works), followed by Brahms and Mozart (26 each) and Mahler and Tchalkovsky (25 each). By comparison the total of works by living composers was 28.

The number of sessions undertaken by the four orchestras, incircing the representation of the programmes of more than 8 per cent. Sir William

has made possible an attempt to resolve the controversy surround-ing a collection of fossilized primi-tive fish discovered in China dur-

ing the past 20 years.

Zoologists from Reading and

Zoologists from Reading and Peking, working together on the collection, have decided, contrary to some previous suggestions, that the fish evolved in southern China and lived there exclusively about 400 million years ago.

The fish is question belonged to the group known as agnathans because of their lack of javs and teeth. Today the only survivors of the group are the superficially eel-like lampreys and hagfish, which feed by clamping their small, round mouths on to other living or dead fish and then using their tongues as scrapers.

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In their heyday the agnothous were abundan and even more bicarre. The many different forms

that evolved in the Silurian and Devonian periods superficially re-

sembled grotesque versions of modern fsh, lacking only jaws and proper fins. But internally they were primitive, and externally they were covered by thick, bone-like armour plating. Scales covered the trunk and tail, and a solid

casing surrounded the head, with a round hole or a slit for a

mouth. The armour-plating gave

Two orchestras share lead

in Festival Hall popularity

By Martin Huckerby
Music Reporter
The London Philharmonic Orchestra has lost its position, held for the past eight years, as

Mr J. M. Hill and Miss S. F. Chavasse The engagement is announced be-tween James Manrice, son of Mr David Hill, of Wargrave, Berk-shire, and Mrs Elizabeth Hill, of Forest Nill, Oxford, and Susanna Frances, youngest daughter of the Frances, youngest daughter of the late Major Noel Chavasse, MBE, MC, and Mre Janet Chavasse, of Heuley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

and wass S. E. Scott-Noble
The engagement is announced
between Guy Rosi Southouse,
only son of Mr and Mrs Stabley S.
Cheyney, of Newland, Sherborne,
Dorset, and Susan Elaine, only
daughter of Mr and Mrs
George S. Scott-Noble, of Vale de
Centianes, Lagoa. Portugal,
formerly of Innerleithen, Peeblesshire.

Mr R. Hymans and Miss R. M. L. Warner and Miss R. M. L. Warner
The engagement is announced
between Richard, younger son of
Mr Clifford Hymans, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Rosalud
Mary Leighton, only daughter of
Mr David Moline Warner, of
Coulsdon, Surrey, and Mrs
Margaret Laborde, St Annes
Gardens, Lymington, Hampshire.

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Daniel Simon Kay, of Oxford, only son of Mr and Mrs S. E. Kay, of Ormskirk, Lancashire, and Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs T. S. Moore of Lower Serger Wit-

and Mile E. J. A. Pineau

He felt that a solution, or even

substantial progress towards a solution, was hard to imagine at present, and he referred to the idea of a highly paid contract orchestra which had "foundered

orchestra which had "foundered in a sea of objections". He said that in its "philosophical" aspect, the year was "a season of marking time and, for some, of disappointed hopes".

Other figures in the report showed that the LSO was the busiest orchestra during the year, with 607 sessions, including con-

Hall each orchestra earned from the sale of seats about 60 per cent of the costs of mounting a concert.

New Hallé co-leader

Mr Pan Hon Lee, the leader of the Ulster Orchestra, has been appointed co-leader of the Hallé Orchestra from next April. He replaces Mr Michael Davis, who has become leader of the London Symphony Orchestra.

the fish their name, ostracoderms (shell-skinned), distinguishing them from the extant lampreys and hag-

Knowledge of the ostracoderms has been based largely on two sorts of fossil evidence. Well pre-

sorts of fragments and whole sec-tions of armour-plating have given a picture of the diversity of shapes that evolved. And in some cases the internal anatomy has

been reconstructed in the form of

been reconstructed in the form of casts resulting from a natural process of mineralization.

On the basis of such evidence from various parts of the world, zoologists agreed that there had been three main groups of ostracuderms. But when new and unfamiliar specimens began to be reported from southern China in the 1960s their relationships were not clear. A scholarly controversy

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soon developed over whether they could be included in the existing groups of ostracoderms or

groups of ostracoderms or whether they represented a fourth

Many of the Chinese specimens are now in the Institute of Verte-

are now in the institute of Verte-brate Palaeontology and Palaeo-anthropology in Peking, and last March Dr. L. B. Halstead, of Reading University, was able to study that collection. He worked in collaboration with Dr. Y.-H. Lin of the institute and Dr. K. Plan of 1:2 Museum of Geology

Mr and Mrs A. G. F. Mitchell. of Beckenham. Kent, and Elisabeth elder-daughter of M and Mme J. Pineau, of Lussac-les-Chateaux, Vienne, France.

Mr P. A. Seaman and Miss L. E. Carr and Miss L. E. Carr
The engagement is announced between Peter Anthony, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. A. Senman, of The Dell. Cuddington. Cheshire. and Lucy Elizabeth, elder daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph Carr. DSO. MBE, of Woodhill, Orterhorn, Northumberland, and of the late Mrs Hester Carr.

Dr M. O. Wallis and Dr S. V. Baird Smith The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Dr and Mrs J. H. Wallis, of Bostou, Lincolushire, and Sarah, second daughter of Lieutenant-Commander M. D. Baird Smith, Royal Navy (retd), and Mrs Baird Smith, of Cl encester, Gloucestershire.

Marriage

Mr B. C. T. Strutt and Miss A. Maas and Miss A. Maas
The marriage took place on Wednesday. December 19, in the Church of St Mary the Virgin, I wickenham, between Mr Heary Strutt, son of the Hon Peter and Mrs Strutt, of Strutton Hall, Ipswich, Sulfolk, and Miss Athena Maas, of Suffolk House, Montpeller Row, Twickenham. The Rev John Gann officiated.

The bride who was given in

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by the Hon Selina and the Hon Edward Tollemache. Mr Martin Strutt was best man.
A reception was held at Suffolk
House, Twickenham.

Today's engagements

Children's Events:

time Museum, 2.30.

Child's Victorian Christmas, Tudor Merchants Hall, South-

nutren's Events: Unitren's centre with opportunities to take part in quizzes, bark rubbings, drawings, model-making Natural History Museum, 10.30-12.30

Film: HMS Defiant, Runciman

Talk: The Gift of Colour, Tate Gallery, Millbank, 1.

Show: Zippo the clown's Christ-mas show, Round House, Chalk Farm Road, 2.30.

Christmas Feast at the Tower for

Concerts: British Rail Male Voice Choir. Scopwick Village Hall, Lincoln. 7.30: Organ recital. Professor Gordon Phillips, All-

Music for Christmas, Bath Abbey, Bath, 7.30.

Carols and Crumhorus, a concert

of medieval and Renaissance Christmas music with tradi-tional carols for choir and audience. Central Hall, West-minster, 7.30.

Memorial services: Lord Mount-batten of Burma. Doreen Lady Brabourne and the Hon Nicholas Knatchboli, Sr. Paul's Cathedral, 11.30; the Coumess of Mount Edgcumbe, St. Andrew's, Ply-mouth, 11.

in Pekillo. At the same time Mrs J. Haistead was able to prepare drawings of the specimens, thus recording far more fine detail that would be possible in photo-

Their study is reported in two

Haistead describes them as most beautiful examples he ever seen of such casts.

other three groups or to lampress and hagfish.

The team believes that such a group could have resulted only from extensive evolution in isolation from the rest of the world.

What other experts will think of those conclusions remains to be seen. But the controversy is unlikely to be quelled yet.

Source: Nature (volume 282, nages 831 and 833) December 20-27, 1979 2 Nature-Times News Service 1979.

The following Research Grants

University news KING'S COLLEGE

have been accepted:

Children's

Tower pays £12,000 for Louis XV flintlock

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent Sale Room Correspondent
The Tower of London was boying
at Christie's yesterday, for the
second day running. It spent
£12,000 (estimate £5,000-£6,500) on
a boy's flindock sporting gun
made by J. S. Hauschka, gunmaker to the Duke of Brunswick,
and dated 1723.

It is elaborately inlaid in gold and silver, at the breech, with the royal arms of France and the crowned monogram of Louis XV. It was made in the year Louis XV.

It was made in the year Louis XV came to the throne and it is assumed it was a gift to celebrate his accession.

The Tower also spent 16,000 (estimate 55,000-66,000) on an extremely rare pair of Spanish breech-loading miquelet-lock pistols dating from the late eighteenth centrary and signed Odel Jernet. century and signed Odal Lemcd. They had been on loan to the Tower Armouries until recently. Other prices included the £5,000 (estimate £3,000.£5,00) for a patent 20-bore double barrelled shotgun dating from about 1810 with an escutcheon bearing the crest of the first Duke of Cambridge.

A boy's full armoor of bright steel, part seventeenth century, part later, made £3,400 (estimate £2,000.£3,000). The sale totalled £118,175 with 2 per cent unsold.

Sotheby's Belgravia were cele-

Sotheby's Belgravia were cele-brating the Christmas season with a two-session sale of toys and dolls. The rotal was £38,238, with

The top price in the sale was fl.000 (estimate £120 £200) for a timplate Royal Mail delivery van made in Germany by Lehmano for the British child in around 1905.

A im clown seated in front of an easel with a pencil in his mand, and a handle which makes the head and pencil move, also of German make, around 1900 by Phillip Vielmetter, realized £850 (estimate £500 £800).

The group of timplate toys by the French maker F. Martin was one of the few areas where prices proved exceptionally strong. A timplate chef, complete with chef's hat and striped trousers, which winds up and chops with his knife on the kinchen table before bim, was sold for £260 (estimate £120 £160).

A Martin timplate rickshaw which winds the first timplate rickshaw with tim

£150);
A Martin tinplate rickshaw which winds up to make the man pulling it walk along, sold for £220 (estimate £100-£180); he has an elegant Chinese lady as passenger. A Martin clockwork violinist sold for £160 (estimate £100-£150).

In Christie's sale of fine English and foreign silver the two most important lots were bought by a Loudon dealer bidding over the telephone.

Loudon dealer bidding over the telephone.
He paid \$28,000 (estimate 17,000-510,000) for a rare Dutch seven-light sabbath-lamp dating from 1783 (116 ozs) and \$20,000 (estimate \$12,000-515,000) for a vase-shaped two-handled cup and cover in 18 carat gold, dating from 1900; it weights 97 ounces.



Roy Gadd, clutching his bravery award, presented by Princess Alexandra at Westminster Abbey yesterday.

Awards for brave children Science report Zoology: Fossil fish from China

appear study is reported in two papers in this week's Nature, one of which deals entirely with the internal anatomy, revealed in several extremely detailed casts. Dr. Halstead describes them.

Roy Gadd, aged ten, knew mer to stop it but just then exactly what to do when his friend. Kathy Gee, aged 11, was clawed by a leopard.

Ignoring the gnashing teeth and flashing claws, he punched the snarling animal between the eyes. If it is on top of its head. I' have so mad, I just had to hit it. I could not think of anything else to do ". Roy, whose home is at Newtown, Wigan, Lancashire, said yesterday."

I did nor think about it. But afterwards I was scared and I am keeping away from leopards in future." "I hit it on top of its head.

It jumped back and I managed to
ger Kathy away.

"I did not think about it. But
afterwards I was scared and I am
keeping away from leopards in
future." without fear, he pulled Kathy away from the cage, blood streaming from the cage, blood streaming from her arm.

They had been playing near a circus and Kathy put her hand through the leopard's cage and started stroking it. "I shouted Roy was one of 12 brave vonnesters aged five to 14 presented with Wormans Own Chilfren of Courage awards by Princess Alexandra at Westminster Abbey, in London yesterday.

25 years ago From The Times of Tuesday, Dec 21, 1954

The structure of the outer casings and the details of brain, nerves, blood supply and other ruternal features have convinced the Anglo-Chinese team that the collection of specimens from southern China represents a fourth main group of ostracoderms, not closely related to the other three groups or to the venerable personage lay dying. Dr Routh was then in the bundredth year of his age and the sixty-tourth of his presidency. In a place of such constant change as Oxford where it is the stationary figures which attract notice he had come to be reckneed as much an institution as the dome of the Radellife or the spire of St Mary's. Martin Joseph Routh was born on September 18, 1755, and died on December 22, 1854. His links with bygone days were links with bygone days were remarkable. As a young fellow of Maghalen he had seen Dr Johnson id a shuff-coloured coat and

brown wig shambling up the steps of University. College: A friend's mother had mer King Charles II walking his spaniels round the Parks when Parliament fied to Oxford during the plague of 1665. He had himself seen two undergraduses langsed on a gownsman's gallows in Holywell—"hanged, sir for highway robbery! "Generations of Magdalen men catching sight of his shaggy evebrows, wig. cassock and silver shoe-buckles invertably spoke of Dr Routh as "the old President" He had begun to wear a wir at 32 and thereafter gave the impresand thereafter gave the impres-sion of never having known any other stage of being. J. R. Green, the historian, who enumed Mag-dalen College School in 1845, recalls his figure moving as if from a dream. from a dream.

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OBITUARY:

GROUP CAPTAIN ROBERT HALLEY

Notable feat of daring in the Third Afghan War

A second Bar to his DFC.

Haller's subsequent service in
the RAF included tours in the
Middle East, and he organized

plays in the years 1922 to 1925. From 1928 to 1931 he was in HMS Eagle as Second-in-com-mand of aircraft units. In the

early 1930s he was involved in flying training and in 1935 he went to HMS Glorious on secondment as Senior Air Force

and exposition netsuse this his major book, Concepts

in Chinatology was almost 20 years to the writing. Every accepted explanation, every

piece of received wisdom, every

meteorologicel mechanism was most carefully re-examined:

and nothing that was shoody survived into the final drafts. His students and colleagues will

combined a radical intellect with

a Fumane mind.
After graduating at the

granty at Manchester, in 1953, by no means an inamoro-

of British Geotraphers. In 1972

he was made an Emeritus Professor.

He married in 1931 Mar-garet D. J. Robertson. They had two sons and one daughter.

Lady McKean, widow of Arr Vice-Marshal Sir Lionel Dalzell McKean, KBE CB, died on

December 14. She was Phyllis Maud, daughter of A. J. Warren,

and she was married in 1920. Her husband died in 1963.

Lieutenant Colonel Philip

Dayrell Stewart Palmer, late

The Royal Leicestershire Regt,

who died on December 14, was

Group Captain Robert Halley, palace and the ammunition DPC, AFC, a pilot norable in factory in the city On May 24 Royal air Force annals for his Halley took off from Risalpur

Royal Air Force annals for his Halley took off from Risalpur extraordinary single-handed and flying up the Khyber Pass, attack on Kahol in an anti-appeared over Kabul at 6 am quated bomber in May 1919—a to the consternation of the light papularly accredited with his bitants, none of whom had like papularly accredited with his bitants, none of whom had been an end—died on December Alew random rifle and revolver that the age of \$4.

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Academy, joined the ist High both his objectives.

The effect of this demonstration in 1914, and began his find of British air power was service flying career with the however, our of all proportion his joined in 1916. He qualified Patic in the immediate afternas a pilot and was posted to No math of the raid subsided into ise joined in 1916. He qualified Paulo. In the immediate afternas a billot and was posted to No 16 Nevel Soundron which later a deathly silence in the streets became No. 216. Squadron of the as the inhabitants digested the RAF as part of Trenchard's impact of this strange new Independent Bomber Forse. By phenomenon, and eventually a the time he went out to India regiment was paraded by the in 1919. Halley had already authorities and a band ordered been decorated with the DFC to play martial nuisic, to restore and to 1919. Halley was selected as copilot on a mission to fly as to play martial nuisic, to restore to India. The sircism known as Old Carthusian because both May 31 by a formal request its chief pilot on the Thight and a general who was a passenger sion of an Armistice, underliminated this flight arriving action for which he acquired in India however, in a much a second Bar to his DFC.

in India however, in a much word-out condition. For his part in the flight Halley was awarded the AFC

the AFC.
Old Carthusian had never been intended to mke part in the bombing suries against Julalabad and Kabul by which the British commanders hoped speedily to affect the outcome of the 3rd Afghan War. But in the even the discrete which was the event the gircraft which was to have made the raid on Kabul was unable to fly high enough to get to the target and Old Carwas unable to fly high enough to Officer. Among his posts during get to the target and Old Car - the Second World War was thusian was hastily deputed and that of commander of No 22 converted for the release which Group, Gibraltar, He retired introduced bombing the Amir's 1945.

PROFESSOR P. R. CROWE

Professor Percy Robert One of Percy Comes Crowe, who died on December struggest personal traits was 8 at the age of 75 was Pro-his constant and rightness search fessor in Geography at the for perfection in explanation University of Manchester from and exposition. Because of 8 at the age of 75 was Pro-fessor in Geography at the University of Manchester from 1953 to 1971 and was also Pro-Vice Chancellor of the university from 1968 to 1971.

> last of that first generation of geographers in British moves-sities who tame into what was then a young and struggling subject after a first degree training that lay at least partly in another discipline. He himself had graduated with a London BSc (Econ), but as a geographer he was finderslen. Loudon BSc (Econ), but as a geographer he was to develop I ondon School of Economics, into a distinguished climatole Percy Crowe, spent over 20 gist. The transition was not as radical as it seems to be, for Glascow, a period interrupted he was able to adapt his trainby the tenure of a Commoning in statistical technique to weakly Fund Fellowship in the the analysis, of climatic data and United States and leter, by six manels wave. His naners on the novel ways. His papers on the vest's wartime service in the trade winds and on equatorial Metanological Office and the weather were proneer examples. R.A.F.

Percy Crowe was one of the

e exact analysis of From a readership the data of seography, a nre-Geography or Queen Mary cursor of the quantitative. College London, he was an-revolution; that has come to notified to the Chair in Geography at Manchester, in

times. Like most geographess of his priate approximent for a chimageneration, he saw the swhect rologist. His period of 18 as an intellectual entire in its vears of unstanting service to own right, not as that loosely the University of Manchester linked set of sub-specialisms included smells both as the (constantly in search of some Dean of the Faculty of Arts and unitying philosophy) that it has as a Pro-Vice-Chancelor. Withtended to become. Indeed, in the profession he was for a Percy Crowe bad but little year President of the Institute sympathy with the growth of peripheral specialisms so intense that their practitioners remained almost incommuniado behind the walls of their esoteric techniques.

Joan Viscountess Ingleby, ridow of the 1st Viscount Ingleby, PC, and daughter of the 7th Earl of Essex, died on December 13. Her husband, who was Minister of National Insurance, and later of Pensions, in the Conservative Government from 1951 to 1955, was made a peer in 1956 and died 10 years later.

The Countess of Portsmouth, wife of the 9th Earl of Portsmouth died on December 15th.

she was Bridger, only daughter of Captain P. B. Crohan, RN (ret), and she married herhaband, as his second wife, in

a Deputy Lieutenant and a Justice of the Peace for Buckinghamshire.

Sir Robert A. S. Black, 2nd B., who was High Sheriff of Berkshire from 1934, died on December 14, at the age of 77.

Church news

Diocese of Bradford
The Rev D. Leason, rural dean
Rowling and vices of All Saints, Hort
Least of Carlot Causey (Carlot Cause) Gardale. The Ret W. G. John, vicar of Long Preston and priest-in-charge of Path-mell, to be vicar of Sutton-in-Cravon. The Rev N. J. A. Kinsella. sob-warden and rutor at St Deiniof's library Hawarden. Deeside. to be vicar of St. Margarden. Bestder.

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Diocese of Chelmsford.

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The Rev E. S. Brill, carate of Printers of Sifton Chart. Chart. The Rev R. G. R. Corbin, arisal-in-charge of Canning Town. Si Cedd.

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The Ven A. O'Forrell. Chaptein of
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Pathworth with reference chaptein
for the Broads.
The Rey B. W. Tamilinson, with the
South American Missionary Society in
Chile, to be minister of the conventional

Latest wills

Mrs Florence Isubella Poole. Mrs Florence Isabella Poole, of Boarded Barn Cottage, Scholar Green, Stoke-on-Trent, mother of Ann Carryer, killed with Christine Blood while at the cottage to compile an inventory, left £241,528 net.

Other estates include: (ner, before an paid, nex, nor, disclosed) — Kiddey, Mrs Gladys Veronics, of Stoke-on-Trent, who left estate of 528,897 begiesthed all her property to the Sunshing Bonies, for Blind Children.

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hamshire.

Let Rev D. G. Bayer, of Blackheath
Bluecoat School, Blackheath to he

Episcopal Church in Scotland Canon A. O. Berway, rector of St. Barthdomew's, Gouroca, faren of Olsayow, rotten on November 24. The Rev J. N. E. B. Hopkins, rector of St. Margaret's Newlands, diameter of Glasgow, to be a canon of St. Mary's Cathodral, Glasgow.
The Rev K. G. Stephen, rector of St. Mary's Cathodral, Glasgow, to be rector of St. Mary's Cathodral, Glasgow, Hocherwell, and St. Soly Trusty. Motherwell, and St. Soly Trusty. Motherwell, and St. Andrew's, Wishaw, diocese of Glasgow.

Jeffreys, De Dareil Marmaduke, of Bedford £125,965 Adams, Miss Margaret C'ay, of Gloucester Place, Westminster Concester Place, Westminster Clouder, Mr Nelson Edwin. of Peng Wood, Kent 128.514
Gregory, Mr Bric Ashton of Heystman, Lamcastire 140.464
Ripplet, Mr Bernard, of Halifax, boot factor 1234, 392
Boston-Subth, Mr Bryan, of Horn-sea, company director 120,825
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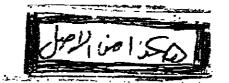
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ness from Scotland's ing encounter against Brussels was evident to 20 minutes punctukicks for fouls. Burns e referee's book for a e referee's book for a ge on van den Bergh iglish and Milleramps i. After a brief period t looked as if the sleticism of Johnstore in the Scots loto the an attacking force, ack with two goals in

h minute, a free kick Eycken was brilliantly ugh but van den Bergh



Teddy Maybank, Brighton's unsettled striker, returned to Fulham yesterday for 5150,000. Two years ago he left Fulham for 6220,000 but Maybank, aged 23 and who began his career with Chelsea, has scored only three times in 14 games this season. Martin Patching also moved yesterday, from Wolverhampton Wanderers to Watford for F100,000 and is expected to make his first option on his services. Mauchester City's namager. Malcolm Allison, has is watched Jovanovic twice this content of the lmistmas illa, of Tottenham Hotsuspended for two an FA disciplinary in London yesterday, had reached 20 points, a out of the game ienal at Highbury on and the home game City on December 29. City on December 29, 5 struggle against relethe first division was
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will be without Hatter on Boxing Day be-oung defender, who rered to the senior team
v. was given a onespension. Shipperley,
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thletic was banned for
He was dropped from
hat beat Barking in the



Robertson: scored with a beautifully-struck free kick.

put van der Elst through after missing a tackle. Van der Elst had time almost to light a cigarette hebre scoring with a right-foot volley. There was an equally easy scoring chance for van der Elst after 30 mixures. He and Martens combined through the middle to bear a somewhat naive Scottish midfield trap, van der Elst againgiving Rough little chance from Close in.

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Two goals that could do much for Little

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

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Villa's best football still thrives

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The busy Villa team kept Coventry from their rhythm and Little began to worry them with its clever control. Coventry's only serious chance fell to Gooding who wasted it, leaving Villa to romp away with the second half. When Wallare was caught in prosession by Little, the mistake was in-tanlly penalized. Little sneempted, and succeeded, with a curling shot from some 25 yards.

Little was greatly encouraged. Curling shot from some 25 yards.

Little was greatly encouraged for this has not been one of his more successful seasons for finding the net. So when Cowans offered him the chance to collect a pass just across the half-way line and make for goal from there, he accepted the challenge. He left Holton stranded and tore away upfield. Sealey was a pictufe of indecision, first staying back and then, belatedly, going to meet Little who nonchalantic beat him with a low, accurate shot.

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After Woodcock's move to Cologne last month, seven other foreign players from a host of countries are currently the targets of West German Clubs. Aas, of Norway, is likely to sign for Bayern Munich, Chin-Kook Kim, of South Korea, is on trial with Bayern, Uerdingen and Pacheco, a Brazilian, is expected to join Hamburg on January 7. Another Brazilian, Nunez, a Yugoslav, Stankovic and two from Uruguay, Villazan and Silva, are other likely imports. MTERNATIONAL MATCH: Italy B 1.

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On course for a third victory: Miss Nadig going downhill at 57 miles per hour.

Ice the only threat to Miss Nadig

Therese Nadig, of Switzerland, continued her domination of women's downhill ski racing this season whon she scored her third consecutive World Cup victory here today. Miss Nadig, a former Olympic champion aged 25 mastered the difficult, winding course—dangerously hard after an overnight freeze and with poor visibility providing an additional hazard—to win by half a second.

"The piste was much harder and more difficult than during training and, frankly. I didn't quite know how to tackle it", she said afterwards. Her time was Imin 30.56sec at an average speed of 57mph, Jana Soltysova, a 20-year-old Czechuslovak who is best known as a slalom and giant sla-

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Athletics

Ingarfield walks on but Gower runs

Two leading British walkers will be making 1980 an important year in their arhletics careers, but for opposite reasons. Barry Ingarfield, opposite reasons. Barry Ingariete, aged 41, is making a last attempt to find a place in Britain's party for the Olympic Games but Stephen Gower is to take up

stephen cower is to take up running.

Ingarileld is spending the; first three morths of 1980 on the other side of the Atlantic. After racing in Miami, Florida, next month he will go to Mexico for 10 weeks' training with the Mexican national

squad.
Ingarfield, who gave up his joh as a planning engineer 15 months ago to enhance his Olympic

hopes, is annoyed at heing left out of the walkers' training squad for Moscow. Recently he recorded a time inside four hours. 20 minutes, for 50 kllometres—hetter than the qualifying time for last year's European championships.
Gower, aged 29, has retired from race walking to take uprunning in a protest against judging in international appearance in 1971 and was a reserve for Britain's world championships team in 1973, but he is frequently disqualified in Britain for failing to straighten his knee.

He claims only judges in this country apply the walking rules

neal events apply the most all interpretation: "It's these continuing". Gower "It is not walking anymore. and, not surprisingly, it's being jokingly nicknamed straight leg running. Walking has become a iokingly nicknamed straight let including Walking has become a firm and photographers will have a field day proving it at Moscow. "Because I have difficulty straightening my knees I can't get alway with it in Britain st. decided to take up proper decided to take up proper running. Gower, a clerk with the Thames Water Authority, will be Strunning for lifered in next month's. Essay cross country championship

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etirement Dec 19 .- Tony Roche, Jian player, decided 10 he recent decision of vall and end his interarcer after losing to a ntryman, Ross Case, in d round of the New iles Open. Once heir to Rod Laver's Austra-Roche showed only f his former greatness, hat was enough to take former Wimbledon hampion, to three sets ing 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. zhlight of the match the sixth game of the when Roche unleashed s top spin lob to snatch naing break against his l opponent. off the circuit now, 1 playing overseas any id a weary Roche after h. "I'll still play in tournaments if I'm fit. I't be competing in next astralian Open—five sets youd me at the moment.

youd me at the moment, ing forward to next year I'll be able to devote to coaching children." the had only one m singles title to his he 1966 French Open, left-hander, combined in Newcombe to capture in bledon doubles cham-

y Vilas, of Argentina, set purishing work schedule vas he moved into the nd. Vilas beat Gien Petro-the United. States, 6—3, second round match and ed to an adjoining court al hours of practice.

playing well at the Vilas said, "but there a few parts of my game I improvement. I'm deterwin this tournament and ak's Australian Open. But going to do that I can't acce up on my training. It the time and that's why of taking this month off of other players have of of other players have came out to Australia for a work."

Drewett of Australia, put sixth seed, John Sadri, United States, 6—7, 6—4, ad John Marks, of Austranceded a penalty point tring a ball onto the chest income during his 6-2. cleat by his compatrion. Jent. Results (Australian

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derers to Wasford for £100,000 and is expected to make his first appearance against Presion to-morrow night. Patching was ready to move last week but the Wolves manager, John Barnwell, delayed the deal because of injury problems at Molineux. Sheffield United also completed the signing of Derek Richardson, a Queen's Park Rangers goalkeeper, for £50,000. Their regular goalkeeper, Conroy, broke an arm in the Anglo Scottish Cup game at St Mitren a forthight ago. Derby County signed Trevor Whymark, a former Ipswich Town striker, on loan from Vancouver Whitecaps, of the North American league. The loan extends until March when Whymark will return to the United States. He has been playing on loan for Sparta Rotterdam in the Datch first division.

Rackets

Mallinson's strength and service are enough

By Roy McKelvie win his match in the schools rackets championships at Queen's Club yesterday. His physical-strength and heavier strvict carried him home against William Bristowe, the younger but better of the Charterhouse brothers, by 18—13, 15—12.

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Bristowe, a tidy player and useful competior, led 13-10 in the first game but was given little chance to improve that score. He did, however, save four match points at 10-14 in the second game before succumbing on the fifth. In another year both of these boys have enough talent to find themselves promoted to the H. K. Foster Cup.

Swallow of Marlborough has an H. K. Foster Cup.

Swallow of Mariborough has an impectable rackets pedigree. His father is a former amateur champion and his mother is one of the Crawley family. He beat Mallet of Haileybury by 12-15. i5-7, 17-15, after losing match points at 14-9, 14-10 and 16-15. At these crucial moments his game lost some of its edge

and the competent Mallet attacked his forehand, a stroke Rackets Correspondent
Andrew Mallinson, of Wellington, top-seeded player in the
Renny Cup, was hard pressed to
win his match in the schools by 12-15, 15-9, 15-7. Paul led

acceptate chamolouships at Queen's 11—1 in the first game and 9—3 in the second.

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Manchester United's manager, Dave Sexton will not move immediately for Nikolai Jovanovic, a Yugoslavian international, even though Red Star of Belgrade announced yesterday that they were prepared to let him go and that United had first option on his services. Manchester City's manager, Malcolm Allison, has also watched Jovanovic twice bis season, but earlier this month he said that he would not be buying any more overteas players.

Millwall have turned down an

Milwall have turned down an offer of £130,000 from Blackpool for their winger, Towner. Milwall are currently losing about £5,000 a week and will have no sell eventually, but their manager, George Petchey, will do so at his price—for Towner he wants £150,000.

Arsenal's secretary. Ken Friar, demied that the club has made a positive move to sign Kevin Keegan from Hamburg. Arsenal's manager. Terry Neill, was reported to have visited Germany recently to negodare his transfer but Mr Priar said. "As far as I know, the board is not awate of any attempt to sign Keegan means a key figure in Benfica's plans to open the board is pan awate of any attempt to sign Keegan guese champlons; Porto. Benfica are currently lying second.

New York ban may be lifted on Dec 30

Boxing could resume in New York state as early as December 30 and action could be taken against the cornermen of Willie Classen and the ringside doctors and referee involved in Classen's bout against Wilfold Scypion, lack Prenderville, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission said yesterday.

Laked like a soft spoken diplomate before the Chinese sports officials who met him at the airport. "I can't push my ideas off on them", Ali said, "I'll have to talk to the Chinese and find out what they want".

Ali has come as the guest of the Government backed ali-China mission said yesterday.

Classen was fatally injured in a bour against Scypton on November 23 and boxing in the state was suspended by the commission last Thursday pending imple-mentation of safety procedures. Mr Prenderville said the first in a series of six-to-eight hour neurological training courses, for physicians and referees will be held on December 27 or 28 and that a boxing shows could be held as early as December 30. However, he added, no boxing programmes are expected until midjanuary.

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what they want".

Ali has come as the guest of the Government-backed all-China sports federation. Song Zhong, secretary general of the Chinese Olympic Committee, met him at the airport where Ali spoke in such a low voice that reporters straiged to catch his words. When Mr Song explained the imperary laid out for him, Ali merely nodded and said that "as long as I am in China he is the boss".

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Quiet and gentle as a lamb, the former heavyweight champion, Muhammad Ali, landed in Peking yesterday for a whirlwind eight and a half hour tour of the Chinese capital. He said he came to encourage boxing in China, and Ali diplomatically answered a question about what kind of advice he would give Chinese boxers. "Advice about boxing would be different for a boy who isn't making a living at it." Ali said. "The main thing is stay a good condition and learn the fundamentals, otherwise you can got burt. I predict that when thing est burt. I predict that when the chinese capital. He said he came to encourage boxing in China, and All diplomatically answered a question about what kind of advice he would give Chinese boxers. "Advice about boxing and condition and learn the fundamentals, otherwise you can got burt. I predict that when thing get many gold medals in all sports", and then added "I would like to come back." he told his Chinese hosts, "next time I will stay a few days and fight your biggest heavyweight".

The two American holders of the world heavyweight crown—Larry Holmes and John Tate—are expected to defend them titles in separate bouts on March 31. Holmes, the holder of the World Boxing Council (WBC) title, who first has to deal with Italy's Lorenzo Zanon at Las Vegas on February 3, is reported to have arreed to meet Leroy Jones, John Tate, the World Boxing Association (WBA) champion, will box Mike Weaver, probably in New Orleans, Jones is ranked two by the WBC and seven by the WBA. Weaver is number three in the WBC standings and four by the WBA.

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A showdown between Hulmes and Tate, expected for the spring, is now unlikely to take place until at least the autumn of 1980.

Colin Powers, of Britain, who was due to challenge Nigeria's Oblisia Nwankpa for the Commonwealth title in Lagos tomorrow, has refused to fly out because his £3,000 fee has not been deposited with the British Boxing Board of Control as stipulated in the contract.



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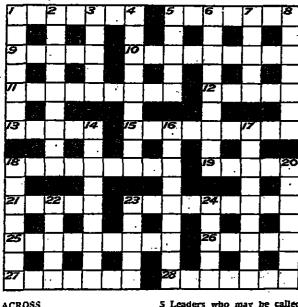
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Bank of England predicts inflation and recession will raise state borrowing it says the timing is very un-

By Caroline Atkinson

Government borrowing may rise next year, according to the Bank of England, though it adds that such a rise could be compatible with continued tight control of the money supply.

The Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin published yesterday contains a lengthy discussion of the influences on the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement (PSER). This concludes that the combined effects of inflation and recession next year will tend to push up the PSBR.

The Government has not certain, with output down by 1 to 2 per cent. The Treasury to 2 per cent drop. Inflation is expected to slow down next. Year, though the 2 per cent drop. Inflation is expected to slow down next. Year, though the 2 per cent drop. Inflation is expected to slow down next. Year, though the 3 per cent drop. Inflation is expected to slow down next. Year, though the 3 per cent drop. Inflation is expected to slow down next. Year, though the 3 per cent drop. Inflation is expected to slow down next. Year, though the 3 per cent drop. Inflation is expected to slow down next. Year, though the 3 per cent drop. Inflation is expected to slow down next. Year, though the 3 per cent drop.

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The Government has not published a forecast of the PSBR in money terms for next PSBK in money terms for next year. To some extent, this depends on the results of the present emergency exercise to cut public spending next year, and on Budget tax decisions. Internal forecasts in the Bank and the Treasury are believed to show the PSBR rising uncomfortably beyond this year's exfortably beyond this year's ex-pected £8,300m in 1980-81. The Bank is probably hoping

that, by discussing the reasons for a rise, it will allay City fears that a loosening of money control follows necessarily from a rise in the PSBR.

The Bank appears to be slightly more optimistic than the Treasury about next year's economic prospects. It foresees

certain, with output down by 1 to 2 per cent. The Treasury has forecast a 2 per cent drop. Inflation is expected to slow

nope of an early reduction in interest rates despite the pros-pect of a lower PSBR in the coming months. The recent rise in Minimum Lending Rate to a record 17 per-cent was necessary, it says, to keep pace with the rise in inflationary expectations. A reduction in interest rates

down inflation and inflationary expectations than on holding down the PSBR.

The Government has already conceded that the PSBR will rise in line with inflation next year. However, the Bank goes further than this.

may depend more on bringing

It suggests that a drop in output could push up the PSBR but without making it any harder to keep to a given economic prospects. It foresees money target. As companies cut a slide into recession, although back spending and reduce bur-

rowing, this will make it easier for the Government to borrow to finance its deficit. The Bank is gloomy about the propects for the world economy next year. To some extent British exporters may be

insulated from the slowdown by a continued rise in United Kingdom markets overseas in par-ticular those of the oil export ing countries.

Sterling's strength is blamed for much of the rapid rise in imports this year. The Bank expects the pound to remain fairly strong. The drastic deterioration in British competitiveness has still probable to tiveness has still probably to feed through to exports, and the Bank warns that a further weakening of British competitiveness could "strangle the dynamic forces of expansion" which it expects by the end of 1981. Recovery after next year's recession depends to a large extent on bringing down inflation.

In common with other fore-casters, the Bank expects a tight squeeze on company pro-fits next year. Manufacturing output, which has performed dismally, is likely to bear the brunt of the slowdown. The Bank foresees rising unemployment, and believes that companies may be forced to make ployment protection legislation.

CBI takes tougher attitude and aims for abolition of closed shop

Management Correspondent Confederation of British Industry policy makers hardened their attitude to the closed shop yesterday. After a lengthy debate, the central council made it clear that it regarded the Government's Employment Bill as only a first step rowards abolition of the closed shop.

The council instructed the steering group dealing with Employment Bill, which pro-

steering group dealing with industrial relations to examine the steps which could eventually give every employee "the freedom to decide whether or not to join a trade

union." Support was given to the viding the explicit right not to belong to a trade union, similar to those incorporated in the constitution of countries like Germany, France and

Employment Bill, which proposes, for instance, that closed shops should be introduced only after a ballot has established that at least 80 per cent employees are in favour.

It was clear from yesterday's meeting, howeve employers are far from satisfied with the proposed legislation. Only fear of causing excessive delays has prevented CBI members from lobbying for more extrange massures. Their more extreme measures. Their little change.

was conditional on tougher measures being drawn up internally by this time next year at the latest.

Representatives from the Engineering Employers Federation and from nationalized in-dustries which are among the largest operators of closed shop agreements, were present at yesterday's meeting. Altogether the Trade Unions Congress estimates that 5 million em-ployees work in closed shops.

The latest report on the pattern of pay settlements, presented earlier to the council. showed no change on last month.

ments covering 1.25 million employees has been received by the CBPs databank since November 28, bringing the total to 3.25 million. But these show

Threat to steel fallback pay

By Peter Hill. Industrial Editor

Private sector steel producers, many of whom are facing problems similar to those of the British Steel Corporation, are expected to seek union agreement to suspend guaranteed week payments when negotiations open today.

Industry sources indicated last night that the Independent Steel Employers' Association would ask union leaders to forego the agreement which gives workers fallback pay of elworks faces a sharp drop

vate sector to work no extra shifts to offset the shortfall in

output from the state corporation.
Sir Richard Marsh, chairman
of the British Iron and Steel

industry's watchdog, appealed to Mr William Sirs. general There will be repercussions in the private sector if the threatened strike by members of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation in BSC plants goes ahead on January 2.

The ISTC has said that it will instruct its members in the private sector.

would be extremely serious because for every worker employed by BSC, there were 15 others employed in steel using industries. Any lengthy disruption of supplies was likely to lead to a number of companies going out of busi-

Average pay rises now running at 16.7 pc

By Our Economics Staff

Pay rises accelerated in October, partly as a result of the engineering settlement. Average earnings were 16.7 per cent up on a year earlier, com-pared with a rise of only 14.4 per cent in September. During the mouth there was a sharp jump—after seasonal adjust-ment—of 4.4 per cent in the average earnings in production industries. Although October's figures

exaggerate the underlying monthly increase in pay, they are the first for several months to give a good guide to the annual rate of wage inflation. This shows a definite quickening in the pace of pay rises. The level of settlements is now running at between 16 and 17 per cent, compared with 15-16 per cent a few months

Ministers have given many warnings that high wage settle-ments will lead to unemploy-ment. So far the figures in-dicate that pay bargainers have taken limle notice.

The leap in earnings in October helped to narrow the gap between pay and price rises. However, wages are still failing to keep pace with inflation. The retail price index went up by 17.2 per cent in October, and by 17.4 per cent last month. Real earnings have been his Real earnings have been not this year by the rapid rise in prices, which have caught up with past pay rises and been pushed up by increased VAT. It is largely for this reason that the Treasury is expecting a slow down in consumer spending next year.

The new series of average earnings, which covers employees in the whole economy, rose by 2.7 per cent in October. Half of this jump was caused by the rise in earnings of engineering workers. The dispute in September cut into engineering workers' pay, and there was a rebound in October after the pav settlement.

Extra overtime to make up lost earnings accounted for part of the rise in engineering workers' pay in October.

The figures for average earnings may worsen in the coming months.

months. Last year many settlements were delayed as months. workers waited to see whether the Government's pay policy would break down. This had the effect of depressing the monthly figures which will form the base of comparison in Another factor likely boost the pay figures is the effect of higher public sector wage settlements in the wake of

the Clegg comparability awards The Bank of England estimated in its December bulletin, published yesterday, that these could add 2 per cent to average earnings over the next 12 The Government might

argue that it is too soon to be gloomy about the prospects for pay in this round. Only 750,000 workers out of a total of 11-12 million in the big groups had settled by the time of the

The new series for average earnings, which covers 21 million employees, is likely to rise more quickly than the old one which covers production workers. The Ostober rise of 16.7 per cent was the highest since the series began.

Gold soars towards \$500 before closing at new record price

Gold soared to within a few dollars of the S500 an ounce barrier yesterday, but it drop-ped back to end the day at 5489 an ounce—still a record

close. The rise of \$9.5 came amid hectic activity on the bullion markets. Dealers cited the prospect of higher oil prices and the continuing crisis between America and Iran as the main

reasons for the price rise.

Silver also closed at record levels. Surprisingly, the dollar was not much affected by the gold rush. It closed slightly down on the day against most main currencies, after very quiet trading.

The table shows that if countries valued their official gold reserves at yesterday's market price the reserves of many, especially the United States, would be enormous. Frank Vogl writes: The International Monetary Fund will probably continue selling gold at regular auctions after its series of sales ends next May, according to IMF sources in

Washington, The IMF has become a main supplier of gold to the markets and has sold more than 6 million ounces this year. The Fund's programme, initiated four years ago, to sell 25 million ounces, ends with an auction of 444,000 ounces May, but after this sale it will still have gold reserves of about 100 million ounces. An IMF spokesman said no

decision on whether to sell more gold had been taken. The executive board of directors has not discussed the matter, but

Official Gold holdings of major countries

France (2)

will support a new round of auctions and that a final decision may be announced after the interim IMF ministerial committee meeting in Hamburg on April 25. One important consideration

concerns development aid. far the net proceeds of IMF sales, amounting to \$3,450m since the auctions were started, have gone into a trust fund designed to provide finance to developing countries. Top officials of the 1MF

admit that 1980 may see greater demands from oil-importing developing countries for IMF finance and they suggest that further gold sales could help. M Jacques de Larosiere, managing director of the IMF, stressed recently that "an expansion in the flow of development assistance is urgently needed ^. The sources also noted that

there has been informal discussion at senior official level sources close to the board said about the possible use of gold the chances were good that it within the context of the

account. Negotiations are moving ahead to design this account for approval to the Hamburg conference.

A number of key issues have to be resolved in fashioning the account and the sources said that it is here that gold could be used. Firstly, the account will have to provide a market related rate of interest and this may lead to some demands on the IMF's resources.

Revenue (rom gold sales could ease this problem. In addition,

there is a danger of some ex-change market losses in the management of the account and these too, suggest the sources, could be covered by revenues from gold sales.

The need for the substitution

account is widely viewed as more urgent than ever and the United States Treasury, according to senior officials, is now playing a leading role in striving to complete the preparatory

negotiations.

M de Larosiere told the
United States Council of the
International Chamber of Commerce in early December that the substitution account could enhance the stability of the world's reserves system. He added that the accoun

would accept deposits in United States dollars from officia holders in exchange for an equivalent amount drawing right denominated claims, so reducing the dollar share of global reserves in favour of the SDR without creating additional international iquidity. The United States Treasury

to be planning major new gold selling programmes of its own

Rockefeller retirement ends era at top US bank

From Frank Vogl US Economics Correspondent Washington, Dec 19

An era is drawing to a close at the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York, one of America's largest banks. It announced today that Mr David Rockefeller will retire as chief executive officer next month and retire as chairman of the board in April 1981.

The Rockefeller family is

believed to be the largest single just under 2 per cent of the equity in the third largest bank in the United States. Mr Rockefeller first became executive at the bank in

1946 and was made chairman in 1969. He will reach the bank's mandatory retirement age of 65 next June. But the Chase board decided be should remain as chairman until the 1981 annual He will hand over as chief

executive officer in two weeks time to Mr Willard Butcher, aged 53, the man Mr Rockefeller has groomed over many years as his successor. Mr Butcher has been with Chase for more than 30 years and was appointed president in

Clearly Mr Rockefeller mtends a long and orderly transition of power in the bank. Hence the considerable period from today's announcement to Table, page 18 chair and the decision not to



groomed as successor.

appoint anyone from outside to one of the bank's top executive

bank "stronger than at any time that I have been associated with Chase" and implied that this made it an opportune time to hand over power. It seems probable that even

and governments.



spans 33 years.

Mr Rockefeller has said that substantial managerial reorganization at Chase in the few years had made the

after April, 1981, he will re-main on Chase's board and continue to foster contacts for the bank with leading world corporations and foreign

that Mr Rockefeller will relinquish day-to-day management

control of the bank in the new year and four Chase executive vice presidents will be running all of its affairs along with Mr Butcher. One of these four is bound

to take over in due course from Mr Butcher as Chase's president.
The four are Mr John
Hooper, in charge of the bank's

credit committee; Mr Thomas Labrecque, who runs all retail and trust operations; Mr William Ogden, chief financial officer; and Mr Barry Sullivan, overnments. in charge of wholesale and Today's announcement means international banking activities.

Renault takes 10 pc stake in Volvo as talks with BL fail

From Clifford Webb Geneva, Dec 19

M Bernard Vernier-Palliez, president director general of Renault, today revealed a European motor industry partner-ship licking the state-owned French group with Sweden's privately owned Volvo concern-And he confirmed that talks with British Leyland have broken down after more than two years. But he hinted that the door was still open.

Asked if further partners would be welcome, he said it impossible to have too

Renault opened negotiations with BL on components manufacturing in 1977. But the negotiations were interrupted by changes at BL, and by BL's many parmers.

turn "towards the Far East", Japanese".

M Vernier-Palliez said.

Renault had nothing to gain by linking with the Japanese stake in the Volvo car operations. Remault had nothing to gain by linking with the Japanese despite their powerful position in the world's motor industry,

M Vernier-Palliez's comment on changes at BL is clearly a reference to the much rougher sought major financial links BL approach to the talks which resulted from the arrival of Sir Michael Edwardes as chairman. Scanier in 1977 and a 40 member of the point alludes to the The second point alludes to the BL-Honda deal for the British wegian company to assemble a Honda through car in Britain and market it. throughout the EEC.

tions. This could be increased to 20 per cent by June 1986 for

posed merger with Saab-Scanier in 1977 and a 40 per cent-stake in Volvo by the Nor-wegian Government both fell The persistence with which Mr Pehr Gyllenhammar, Volvo's president, has pursued partners has led to speculation about the financial vulnerability of his

that Renault was rescuing

He insisted that the first approach had come from Renault and not Volvo.

Mr Gyllenbammar revealed that priority would be given to improving the former DAF car Volvo's profitable truck and bus operations not the marketing of any of its products. This will continue on the basis of "friendly rivalry".

the world's automotive industry development was in keeping with it, he said. The partners were convinced that it would



small company. were convinced But M Vernier-Palliez denied prove beneficial Report claims new technology will not cause widespread job losses

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A report, arguing that micro- prisoners of an outdated indus-electronic technology should trial system incapable of gennot of itself cause widespread erating the jobs that we need. unemployment, was quickly in the retailing and whole-seized on by the Government, sale sector, one company reyesterday.

A basic contention of the De-partment of Employment study

group report is that the economic dangers of maintaining the current "dangerously slow." pace of adaptation to new technology are far more serious than the threat to jobs from rapid introduction of microelec-Mr James Prior, Secretary of

Stare for Employment said that "wild predictions" about the impact of new technology

on future employment levels

ported that faster turnover. ported traff laster Errover, reduced stockholding and better ordering were much higher priorities than labour saving, Far from losing jobs,

another reported a marginal increase in manpower. In response to the TUC's contention that work-sharing measures such as shorter weeks. longer holidays, sabbaticals and early retirement would be needed to counter new technology's effect on jobs, the report says workforces are likely to become more specialized and could further slow the pace of such measures may not be adaptation, and had been shown practicable. Early retirement,

Chipping away at the employment market A diet of chips — the election the added: "If we continue feasible action.

A diet of chips — the election to be ill-founded. it suggests, would be the most feasible action.

The study group welcomes TUC proposals for new technology agreements as a construc-tive basis for negotiation, and it envisages no compulsory re-

dundancy in general. The group say that the overnment, which has Covernment, which has appointed Lord Gowrie Minister of State at the Department of Employment, to oversee Whitehall study of the issue, will have to carry out further work to back up the present report, ordered in July 1978 to examine the manpower implications of new rechnology up

Growth in demand in the next decade will have a more significant effect on jobs than technological innovations in production, it says. The large-scale use of robots in manuthe 1990s, and the comprehen-sive electronic or paperless office is still some way in the future.

The study group, while accepting the loss of job opporrunities in some sectors, says in came across no instance of job displacement because of word processors. The 110-page report is the first substantial review to take

such a bullish view of employment prospects under new technology and is, as its authors say, in marked contrast to previous predictions. *The Manpower Implications of Microelectronic Technology, by Jonathan Sleigh, Brian Boat wright, Peter Irwin, Roger Stanyon, published by the Department of Employment, HMSO,

Donald Macintyre

Statement likely today on Leyland funding

By Edward Townsend

The Government is expected to make its long awaited an-nouncement on the future funding of British Leyland before the Commons recess tomorrow. It is understood that a decision on the motor group's 1980 corporate plan and its request for an additional public invest-ment of about £425m was made by ministers some days ago. The ably been delayed until Mrs. Thatcher's return from the United States.
Sir Michael Edwardes, the BL chairman, has made urgent

believes BL's programme must begin in earnest as soon after the Christmas holiday as possible if the company is to meet A BL spokesman confirmed yesterday that pressure on Whitehall had intensified. "We need to know where we stand and we need to get down to

appeals to the Government to reach a decision quickly. He

the new plan fast? Suggestions that more public Honda designed and engineered money for BL is dependent car. upon the outcome of pay talks covering the company's 90,000 manual workers are being dismissed in Whitehall as having end of this year.

no bearing on the timing of the announcement.

What is not clear is the role the Natioal Enterprise Board will play in monitoring BL's future activities. Under existing legislation the company is a subsidiary of the NEB but Sir Michael has asked to break that .. Under the new NEB draft

guidelines the board's ability in provide funds for BL is greater than for its other subsidiaries but is still restricted to £25m for each project before govern-ment consent is necessary. BL's 1980 corporate plan calls for the provision of the final tranche of £225m from the original £1.000m envisaged by and a further sum, thought to be about £200m, for its reorga-

nization and redundancy programme. Much of the £225m would go towards implementing the proposed deal between BL and Honda leading to the assembly the United Kingdom of

It is hoped that the formal signing of the agreement with Honda will take place by the

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Commission agrees steel takeovers

The European Commission yesterday announced that it has approved two corporate take-overs as part of the restructur-ing of the French steel industry. It is allowing Sacilor the large French general steel producer, to take control of Societe Nouvelle des Acieries de Pompey (SNAP), a manufacturer of special steels, with facturer of special steels, with sales in 1978 of just under French francs

It is also authorizing Usinor SA, another large French steel company, to take over the Rehon works from Cockerill SA Rehon works from Cockerill SA of Belgium, as part of the restructuring of steelmaking in the depressed Longwy basin.

The merger will produce the largest hot rolled strip maker in the EEC with 17.6 per cent of Community output. The Usinor group will also account for about 11.5 per cent of EEC pig iron production and 8.5 per cent of crude steel output.

Italian turnover rise The index of Italy's industry turnover rose 22 per cent in January-September from the like nine months of 1978, the Italian Statistics Bureau reporequal 100 and computed on the basis of sales at current prices, rose 23.5 per cent in September. The largest increase in turnover was in the chemical industry, at 42.7 per cent. The textile industry rise was 31.6 per cent.

More German cars

West German motor vehicle production was 386,800 units in November, up 3 per cent from November 1978, the Auto Industry Association reported. A total of 3,698,400 cars were produced in the first 11 months, up 2 per cent from the like 1978 period. Commercial vehicle production rose 7 per cent to 293.800 units.

French growth in 1980 The French economy is likely

to expand at a rate of between 2-3 per cent next year after a growth of about 3.5 per cent in 1979, M Rene Monory, French economics minister, told the Economic and Social

US pay panel

President Carter's Pay Advi-sory Committee took a step towards replacing the current voluntary 7 per cent wage guideline with a range of annual percentage wage and benefit in throughout much of industry. creases. It agreed informally to John Whitmore writes: The try to specify a recommended range and a "set of criteria" for deciding at which end of the scale a particular wage-andbenefit increase should be set.

Austrian index higher The consumer price index in Austria last month stood at a preliminary 115.0 points, 0.4 per cent above October and 4.5 per cent higher than in November 1978. The Statistical Central Office reported yesterday.

"Turnover increased by 37% from £192.9m in 1978 (53 weeks) to £264.2m

in the year just ended, while net profit

amounted to £12.2m compared with

£9.9m in 1978 (53 weeks), an improvement of 23°. These results include those of Cee-n-Cee from the date of

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disputes mainly by the bakers, road hauliers and breakfast cereal suppliers.

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pose a final dividend of 2.2p per share payable on 15th January 1980 to share-

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Coming to terms with Opec oil price rises

Recession will not solve energy problems, OECD strategists say

Six years after the first big increase in oil prices, and on the eve of the end of the latest Opec meeting in Caracas, senior economists at the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Develop ment believe the West has still not come to terms with the implications of dearer

They feel that pressure to cut down energy consumption has been weakened by the unwillingness of industrial nations to raise the cost of energy to match fully the increase in prices which Opec has

They also feel that Governments, through their failure to take firm action to force up energy prices, have drifted into using recession as a way of cutting fuel consumption.

fuel consumption.

Officials at the OECD point out that although oil prices quadrupled in 1973, the real price of energy in 1978 was only about 22 per cent above its 1973 level. Unwillingness to raise taxes on fuels, and a refusal to allow the price of alternative energy sources to rise in line with the oil price are blamed.

Petrol is an extreme case of Governmental unwillingness to put up fuel prices. Seven out of ten countries studied by the OECD had lower real prices for petrol in 1978 than in 1973, because the final cost of petrol rose by less than the average level of inflation.

Companies

'misled' by

emphasis

on profits

By Alison Mitchell Too much emphasis has been

placed in the past on company profits, according to the Bank

of England quarterly bulletin, published yesterday. This con-centration on earnings has mis-led employers, employees and

the stock market as to the real performance of United King-

dom companies.

A more relevant way of

measuring a company's per-formance would be to look at

the returns on the equity interest rather than those on

trend in real profitability in the 1960s and early 1970s—

which was followed by a sharp decline in the mid-1970s—has been stemmed and there has

een a modest recovery in most sectors in recent years.
Real rates of return, particu-

larly in the chemicals industry, have been well sustained.

despite acute pressure on costs.

However, some sectors of manu-

facturing and engineering, such

as metals, textiles, shipbuilding

and vehicles have seen real

In total, the distribution and services sector has out-per-

formed manufacturing to a greater extent in terms of real,

rather than recorded, equity profitability.

The bulletin points out the importance of changes in cost

inflation as a factor accounting

for changes in real profits. That this has been fairly widespread

suggests that historic cost

pricing has remained prevalent

nominal total of National Debt outstanding at March 31 rose to £87,679m from £79,988m at

to £87,579m from £79,988m at the end of the previous March. Market holdings of debt rose from £61,624m to £69,938m and the average life of dated stocks in market hands rose 0.3 years to 12.5 years. Of the debt in market hands, insurance companies' holdings rose from 19.7

to 23.3 per cent and pension fund holdings from 10.7 to 13

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losses in recent years.

trading assets, bulletin says.

In this context, the downward ESTIMATED DEPLOYMENT OF OIL EXPORTERS' SURPLUSES

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The fact that the real price of energy has not risen significantly is blamed by OECD economists for the slow progress made in introducing energy saving measures. It is argued that customers would cut back demand if it were clearly in their interests to do so.

It is believed that on likely output trends within Opec the West cannot expect to grow by more than about 2; to 3 per cent without running into severe constraints caused by energy shortages pushing up oil prices.

It is felt that holding down growth because of energy problems is a particularly inefficient way of saving energy: OECD calculations suggest that each barrel of oil saved requires the OECD to cut back its total output by

Mr Arthur Piper (inset), managing director of Amoco (UK) Exploration, with an artist's impression of the company's platform for the North West Button field.

a spur line to the WELGAS

About £500m will be spent

developing the field, which

Amoco hopes will give a net rate of return of 18 per cent.

tion of the United Kingdom.

Mr Piper denied that Amoco

He said that further develop-

ment in the North Sea was likely, although this depended

partly on future Government policy. We would like to see

Amoco, already a major pro-

Herbert may

sell plants

By Edward Townsend

off further losses.

to cut losses

The company's financial problems have been exacerbated this year by the series of engineer-

ing industry strikes, reckoned to have cost. Herbert about

£1.5m, and detailed studies are being undertaken at board level

of ways to streamline operations.

executive, said yesterday:

of the company's last cornerate plan an additional 58.3m of

The 1978 losses were height ened by the reorganization of. Herbert's Edgwick plant in Coventry and the sale of its grinding business, which to-

gether added extraordinary costs of 54m. The Herbert machine tool division was reduced by 850 workers.

public funds was granted.

Mr Walter Lees, the chief

won't be able to talk to anybody

was uneasy about its relation-ship with the British National

Amoco likely to go ahead

in South Montrose field

Amoco (UK) Exploration expects to decide early next

year whether to go ahead with development of its South Most-rose field in the North Sea.

Recoverable reserves-esti-

mated at 50 million barrels-

are small by present North Sea standards. But Mr Arthur

Piper, managing director, said yesterday that oil price rises had made it increasingly likely

that the company will proceed.

providing drilling tests were favourable.

placed a contract with McDermott Scotland for the

platform jacket for its North West Hutton field. The con-

tion, is worth £55m and will provide work for about 600

men at McDermott's yard at

Ardersier, on the Morav coast.

The present workforce is 1,400.

expected to begin production in 1982. Recoverable reserves are put at 280 million barrels

of oil and 35 million cubic feet of gas. Amoco is working on a

sales agreement covering this.

Natural gas and gas liquids are likely to be transported via

North West Hutton is

Meanwhile,

stores, converted 47 Cce-n-Cee stores and closed 3. By 1st September 1979,

there were 226 stores open with a net selling area of 1,340,000 sq. ft. Our

expansion in the current year will con-

tinue in our present areas with particular

emphasis in South Wales and the South

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the highest standards of efficiency from the Group to enable it to maintain its

strong position in the market place. The Board are confident that, with the co-

operation and support of all staff, we

can successfully cope with our expansion plans and continue to offer our cus-

tomers the price advantage which has been the cornerstone of the Group's

It is too early to forecast the results of

Profit before tax

8,610

the present financial year, but sales to date show an encouraging trend,"

FUTURE PROSPECTS

about \$240 (£109), or nearly ten times the price of the oil which has been saved. Mer is it felt that simply allowing the Opec oil price to rise and using the price to cut back on consumption—provides an effective way, out of what is seen, by some economists at least, as one of the dominating constraints of the early 1980s. It is pointed out that this involves handing over a significant proportion of the extra output, perhaps a quarter, to

the Opec producers. -Attention is turning increasingly to the idea that the Western countries themselves should put up taxes on energy, keeping the extra revenue but forcing their consumers to cut consumption.

There is particular concern to my to end the current pattern of large price increases followed by periods in which prices are flat or tend to fall. It is felt that this is unnecessarily disruptive.

Calculations made within the CECD, which are thought to bave been surrounded by some controversy, suggest that it would be better for the West to accept that energy prices have to rise by 10 per cent a year for the foreseeable future than to continue present switchback ride of price rises and stagnation.

producers call for cut in imports

angrily yesterday to the EEC Council of Ministers' decision to

man-made fibres, telexed Mr
Cecil Parkinson, Minister for
Trade, calling for unilateral
action by the Government.

Dr Geoffrey Turner, chairman
of the Man-Made Fibres Pro-

ducers Committee, said that to delay a decision until February would weaken the industry still

Cheap imports, made possible largely by the artificially low price of energy and feedstocks available to American pro-ducers, have been blamed for the closure of plants and the loss of about 2,000 United King-

ing all options under review. and it is understood that short

In recent months, industry leaders have briefed senior mini-sters about the difficulties they face, especially in the fibres sector. There are fears that if the cost advantage enjoyed by the Americans continues, it could let loose a flood of exports in other, upstream chemical

attention of President Carter the fact that Britain, unlike America, was working with economic, world energy prices.

rities should have produced an agreement. However Mr Leonard Regan, president of the British Textile

ducer of gas from the southern North Sea, hopes that further exploration will be encouraged by an increase in the price paid by British Gas. Confederation, said the Commis-sion had failed to act with "the speed and determination which are essential in this critical

pets.
"This advantage grows with

every increase in the world price of oil. During the first quarter of 1980, the world price of naphtha, the oil-based raw material, is expected to increase by at least 20 per cent, thus giving the United States an even greater advantage." Herbert, the NEB-owned tool group, once Britain's largest, will decide within the next few weeks an even greater advantage," he said.

The confederation said that whether to sell parts of the company in an attempt to stave

if a satisfactory agreement was not reached by the end of January, the Council of Mini-sters should be prepared to take unilateral action.

AVERAGE EARNINGS

The following are the index num-bers for average earnings of employees in all industries and

won't be able to talk to anybody about it for several weeks. We are examining everything and looking at various options."	earnin	gs inquir	y releas	e monthly ed by the ment:
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Last year almost £20m of	June	386.6	150.9	20.1
ney: equity was injected into-	July	327.8 384.8	155.6 153.3	23.2 13.0
Herbert and after NEB approval	Sept	384.81	153.6	-2.6

170 165 AVERAGE EARNINGS 145 140 duced by 850 workers.

Further labour cuts could become necessary if Herbert's management is unable to boost its finances by finding purchasers for some parts of the group. A year ago, the company revealed that it was "still-desperately short of cash" but hoped to become profitable within two years, Particular hopes are pinned on the success of advanced technology machine tools. 135 July 1975 = 100 130

David Blake **UK** textile

By John Huxley
British rexule leaders reacted postpone until February, action to halt the invasion of Community markets by cheap American imports.

Last night the worst hit producers which are those making.

further.

dom jobs this year. The Government has relied on

a negotiated solution with the Americans. However, it is keepterm unilateral action could be taken.

rate of return of 18 per cent. The company, part of Standard Oil of Indiana, is operator for a group including the Gas Council (Exploration); Mobil North Sea; North Sea Inc; and Amerada Petroleum Corporation of the United Vinden.

sectors.

During her recent visit to the Oil Corporation (BNOC), and added that the so-called Annexe B relating to development of Hutton should be submitted soon. United States, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, drew the policy. "We would like to see more blocks in the next round and more frequent offerings."

The Community ministers apparently see their February meeting as a deadline, by which time ralks with American authorized authorized

He said controlled prices for oil and gas give an artificial price advantage to American man-made fibres and the products for which they are used, such as yarns, fabrics and car-

services covered by the monthly earnings inquiry released by the

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REAL EARNINGS 115 average earnings 110 adjusted for juffetion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Need for careful study of product liability issues

From Mr S, B. Tietz

surance and, if the failure in the appears on testing, he may the product is more general, any sensible product well find that the risk of sell-any sensible product before put cally so, if insurance is not modify the product before put cally so, if insurance is not into modify the product before put cally so, if insurance is not modify the product before put cally so, if insurance is not into modify the product before put cally so, if insurance is not into modify the product before put cally so, if insurance is not into modify the product before put cally so, if insurance is not into modify the product is automatically so, if insurance is not into modify the product is automatically so, if insurance is not into modify the product is automatically so, if insurance is not into modify the product is automatically so, if insurance is not into modify the product is automatically so, if insurance is not into modify the product is automatically so, if insurance is not into modify the product is automatically so, if insurance is not into modify the product is automatically so, if insurance is not into modify the product is automatically so, if insurance is not into modify the product is modify the product any sensible product well find that the risk of sell-ing it is unacceptable, espective ing it vation, manufacture of new turers had to examine and therefore con- adapt thousands of cars at the consumer, whom the new numer choice should surely huge costs though the risk legislation aims to protect, as be explored as a significant from the defect, which he will lose the benefit of depart of a general appraisal. Occurred was accepted to be velopment in a whole range of There would be little benefit extremely remote and probably goods from drugs via consumer in trying to find a cure if that of the order of one in a mil-

kills the patient.

As now proposed, it is intended that producers will were to apply for example to
become liable for defects in fixtures in a building, where
their products whether these recall creates even bigger and he can purchase an arricle
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possible future research, inno- be so. In one case manufac-vation, manufacture of new turers had to examine and

foreseen at the time of manumatically more expensive even facture or not—I repeat, "ar. than the American case not." In other words any fail quated, "Quite right too," says the unexpected causes could still consumer protection lobby and make the producer liable. By definition, his pre-marketing research cannot cover this contingency.

What changes is this likely difficult to get cover for the to bring about? A consumer effects of recall of defective unfortunate enough to purchase a defective article already has some redress that he has discovered a good, against its producer. He can able, product? However sound

Surely we should look at the implications of a risk-free existence for consumers more closely and clarify whether the total cost of the added protection is reasonable before this proposed EEC legislation is accented. accepted. Yours faithfully, S. B. TIETZ. S. B. Tietz and Partners, 10-14 Mackin Street, London WC2B 5NF.

Responsibilities of IMF executive directors

also a reference to my role in this matter.

Even a casual reading of that report by anybody faintly familiar with the IMF would reveal the regrettable non-familiarity of your correspondent with both the functions of the executive board and the the nature of which cannot be recognited. report by anybody faintly familiar with the IMF would reveal the regrettable non-familiarity of your correspondent with both the functions of the executive board and the during and responsibilities of duties, and responsibilities of executive directors. Contrary to the many presumptions of Mr Davies, IMF executive directors do not operate out of their own likes or dislikes; they do not act out of friendship or hostility with respect to their authorities. or on the basis of fracernal or United States, other ties with their country-

to be taken) toward that objective. JAHANGIR AMUZEGAR, Executive Director, International Modelary Fund,

revealed in a newspaper, were also taken (and will continue

Executive directors, whether appointed or elected, operate in the interest of, and often under the instructions of, their constituents. Their duty is to their director of Mathisen, Macarastituents. Their duty is to their director of Mathisen, Macara duly constituted governments, and Company, wishes to state regardless of whether or not that he is not the Mr David M. these governments were their Foster whose letter appeared in In my more than six years of under the heading An insti-service in the executive board, tate to help inventors.".

with shop-floor From the Director-General, the Confederation of British From Mr Jahangir Amucegar and before the events in Iran Sir. I am sorry that Patricia some of the governments that Tisdall (Business News, December 11 there was an item by Ross Davies regarding Iran's asking the International Monerary Fund's executive board to force the United States to unfreeze the United States to unfreeze myself ever tonsidered my duty. Iran's assets in American banks in be anything but 20 represent the contrary, I feel particularly efficulties in the Iranian case for impagers are increasingly

managers are increasingly accepting the task which faces them in communicating the business message. the CBI Last month, the CEI organized a conference on this subject. We had expected an attendance of 150. In the event 600 executives booked in, we had to switch the event from our own premises to the Cafe Royal, and, in the end, we had to ture down many applications

when installing an article.

Who then gains? Clearly not

ment. Nor, on the other hand, will the consumer have any choice Currently, he takes the

the article may simply not be

Communicating

for places.
Though I am not discouraged, neither am I complacent. I agree with your correspondent that we face a hard task. Miss Tisdall is right—progress in this field does take a long time. What encourages me is that so many companies have thought it worthwhile to have a go. I shall provide managers with all the help I can in bridging the communication gap. And I shall go on doing so. JOHN METHVEN,

confederation Industry, London, SW1H 9LP.

Difficulties of exploiting an invention

From Mr M. J. Roos

Sir, My fellow patent agent, Workmate Mr Hickman had workmate Mr Hickman had making the Mr Laurence Shaw ("Invenion and ton Guide", December 7), done the public a great service by the vice." These views were Patent Office of appraisal of expressed in 1976, but in 1968, patent specifications to advise when offering the idea to a present of the commercial properties.

inventions lie in perceiving a need, nor just in satisfying a long felt want. Let me illustrate this point by reference to an invention with which I have been associated. The "Work-mate" work-hone invented by mate "workbench, invented by Mr Ron Hickman in 1967-68 was universally rejected by industry when licences were originally offered. Later Mr Justice Graham, in an infringement with wine state of the wines.

parent specifications to advise when offering the little 10° a inventors on the commercial number of potential licensees, possibilities of their inventions, one tool company of intering the licensees, possibilities of their inventions, one tool company of intering the licensees, possibilities of their inventions, one tool company of intering a work in the potential of inventions lie in perceiving a workmate) could be measured than their their could be measured. in dozens rather hundreds " l The same idea is now being

successfully marketed through-our the world with sales of several million units per

Mr Hickman have had if he bad put his idea to a panel of originally offered. Later Mr had put his idea to a panel of from our justice Graham, in an infringement suit, expressed the view. Office for appraisal? Even if develop that Workmate is of "quite the panel had seen the potentideas alremarkable utility, and a tial in his idea, how would be board. Success story of which Mr have got industry to agree? MICHAR! Hickman is, in my judgement. The scepticism of industry Hawthorn and its caution in taking risks Bumbles in the same case, the view is understandable, but taking Nazeing of opposing Counsel was." In chances in business is a fact of Essex.

life and it is those, like Mr. Hickman, who are prepared to gamble intelligently and who persevers with their ideas, who are likely to succeed.

Unfortunately, the individual inventor often has neither the resources nor the aptitude to press ahead commercially with his idea. The answer is diffi-cult to find, but may well lie in organizations who have the ability to put up risk capital, in exchange for a share in the invention; and who are then prepared to develop a marketable product.
Another malaise, afflicting

many parts of British industry, is the so called NIH (not invented here) syndrome. It ventad here) syndrome. It-requires strong management to, insist on an idea being taken, from ousside and to ask its own design team to adopt and develop it in preference to ideas already on the drawing,

MICHABL-I. ROOS, Bumbles Green,

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

BOC's defensive qualities

lustrial gases market has in the past clearly held onto the market share gained e sharp end of recession rather later day than other industrial companies it has certainly been the experience ne last year at BOC International as only just started to see the first any slowdown.

any slowdown.

the disappointing third quarter outnen profits slipped by a seventh, BOC
de amends in the final quarter with
profits a fifth higher at £21.3m to
he full year slightly better than
tions up from £66.5m to £72.7m.
term contracts with the steel
will also help to cushing the great will also help to cushion the group urrent year but even with the Airco in the United States now starting off and demand flat in the United n, where the engineering strike has chopped £2m from the first quarter, rofits will still manage a small rise r so long as the recession is not too

prospect then of at least maintained coupled with the slightly better d of 6p a share gross (BOC's cover good even on current cost accountiped the shares edge 11p higher at

al factors have also been working 's favour in the final quarter. The ttion charge is only an eighth higher a fifth at the nine-mouth stage 1 now that Airco is included the



· Smith, chairman of BOC International.

n BOC's partial replacement cost up from £64.4m to £77.3m. There been a once and for all benefit to charge, which was just over a in the period, arising from Airco into line with BOC's treatment of

ig has also held up rather better in th quarter. The sale of Airco's loss-Ferroalloys division has kept rom the Americas moving forward 9.1m to £56.1m for the year and as performed better than feared e third quarter decline.

e's improvement from £26m to selies the flat picture in the United and most of the upturn stems from nce of last year's ESm strike losses. se the Pacifics have done well in med £5.8m overall from the total. while, the sale of BOC's peripheral is improving the balance sheet pecially Ferroalloys which has cut capital for the year by £40m

1. That has also trimmed long-term 546m to £451m but at 42 per cent of mployed the gearing leaves no room slippage at BOC.

ill Whitley

s at Allied's

boosted by the first full-year tion from its £20m Shipstone acquireenall Whitley's 39 per cent profits £16.1m is nevertheless some way arket hopes. .

all has not split out the Shipstone ut even allowing for a pre-interest tion of around £3m, underlying prowth would seem to be about a 1 a few points above the industry

are 24 per cent ahead at £162m 1 a strong second-half Greenall has

at the expense of Allied, which was hard-

hit by the strike at its Warrington brewery The shares which have outshone a dull sector of late added 5p more to 162p yesterday helped by the dividend hike of four-fifths. At this price the yield of 4.6 per cent and p/e ratio on stated earnings of over 12 are putting great store in Green-all's ability to outpace the national group's

with consumer spending fears and price-war murmurings in the background, how-ever, there is enough doubt over the performance of breweries next year to suggest that the shares are on the high side.

Interest charges up 44 per cent to £2.4m reflecting new borrowings on the Shipstone takeover could go higher still next year, while the group could be committed to heavy spending on refurbishment now that it has had time to analyse the 275 " pubs' brought in by the acquisition.

Meanwhile, the takeover rumours con-

tinue but Greenall's voting structure makes it almost bid-proof—unless it wants to create a regional amalgamation.

Non-executives

Wise men out of the shadows

Ten years ago the non-executive director was an object, at best of suspicion, at worst of derision, to the cynical observer of the corporate scene. Nor was this cynicism entirely misplaced. Since then too many non-executives have found themselves in the unwelcome glare of publicity as their companies went—with their implicit or explicit connivance—down the tubes.

And every London & County (Burmah

... Peachey ...) raised questions over the functions of every non-executive director, and the extent to which he was able and willing to carry them out.

Rebutting these suspicions is not easy. It is easy enough to identify the non-executive director's failure, when carastrophe overtakes his company. It is easy enough to estimate his cost (fees of up to £7,500 pa; occasional use of the company car and of the boardroom bar). But it is virtually impossible, at any rate from the outside to identify his success. No one knows how many disastrous decisions, in how many major companies, have been averted by the application of a little common sense from the outsider(s) on the board.

However, though the benefits defy analysis, it seems that a conviction of their worth is once more gaining ground. Research by the Bank of England, just published, indicates that of the 1,000 biggest companies in Britain, only 12 per cent had no non-executives on the board in 1978-79, as against the 25 per cent indicated in the Bullock Report (on the strength of research done in 1976); and 38 per cent (as against 26 per cent in 1976) had between three and five outsiders. On average, one-third (three) of the directors of these companies will be non-executives.

The Bank's figures are distinctly rough and ready anyway, and there has been no attempt to identify the nature of these three wise men ". A straw poll, however, indicates that the search for an outside view is not being conducted in any very systematic or radical fashion.

There seems to be a preponderance of merchant bankers, and directors of other (non-competing) companies. There is surely case for appointing more non-executives with different kinds of experience-perhaps in industrial relations, for example.

• The sharp rise in gold which is now within sight of \$500 an ounce is spilling over into other precious metals-the producer price of platinum was again increased yesterday—and speculative investment interest is moving into other metals markets as well, just as happened when oil prices first surged ahead in 1973-74.

Copper is usually the first stop and with stocks now much lower than three months ago the short-term speculative pressure is outweighing worries of weak industrial demand for probably the next two years.

The London metal markets have seen this sort of action already this year which has not been sustained and it seems clear that this time round hot money is content to use the gold and silver markets as its main refuge from the likely oil-induced inflationary pressures.

Economic note book

New Year money puzzle

Those who look forward to Christmas as an opportunity to wrap their minds round jumbo crosswords and labyrinthine brain-reasers, will doubtless be disappointed that the Government's consultative document on the control of the monetary system has not been dispatched in the Christmas mail.

I for one beartily applaud the principle that at least a few treats should be held back for the new year.

However, the document will come eventually, Whatever the doubting Thomases may say, the quest for "sound money has acquired an unstoppable momentum under the new government, and the search for appropriate modifications to the present system of monetary control form an important part of that quest.

It should go without saying that a change to any control mechanism should be carefully thought out, whether it applies to a nuclear power station, a 200, or a mere monetary system. There is no point in building an intricate cage for a mouse if a lion is to be left on the rampage; and there is no more point in building the lion a cage made of cardboard.
In other words, in consider-

ing a control mechanism for a monetary system, it is first necessary to decide what one is seeking to control, and why. Secondly, a mechanism is needed that can cope with any strain placed upon it, or at least a mechanism the toler-ances of which are clear to those who have to operate it. those who have to operate it.

Now that may all sound obvious enough. But spare a seasonal thought for the monetary authorities: they do have a problem. While it can perfectly well be argued that they should have spent rather more of the past three or four years looking at more radical alternalooking at more radical alternatives for monetary control, the fact that the abolition of exchange controls has finally brought the issue to a head undoubtedly makes the whole subject more, rather than less, complicated.

Learning as we go along

We are sailing in uncharted waters and there is going to be an element of learning as we go along.

Even the initial question the

authorities must now ask them-The question itself is simple enoue nough: What constitutes sound money "?

As a generalization, it can certainly be said that what the authorities are setting out to do is to bring (nominal) monetary growth more into line with the long-term growth potential of the economy. But what mone tary growth are they talking about? Just about every country that indulges in some form of monerary control has a different definition of money, or at least of the money it considers important.

By money do we mean cash and current account balances, the money generally (though not exclusively) used to settle transactions? Should we in-clude time deposits? If so, all of them, or just certain types? Why not include other kinds of liquidity, notably building society deposits, now larger than the personal sector's holdings of bank deposits? And how should we treat non-resident holdings of sterling deposits, not to men-tion resident holdings of foreign currency deposits?

There does, however, seem to be a strong case for the authorities to produce a regular measurement series including as many types of liquidity as they feel they can accurately trace. The complication, of course, is the ability to track down certain types of liquidity in the wake of exchange control cholisies.

There is no simple answer.

in the wate of exchange con-trol abolition.

In some cases (partly be-cause of timing differences in the collection of figures) approximation might have to suffice; but the exercise would still be worthwhile given the restricted usefulness of sterling M3 as a monetary measure and. for instance, the increased use of building society deposits in settlement of non-housing trans-

That is not to say that broader measures of liquidity, or nar-rower ones for that matter, would necessarily be suitable for monetary targetry, or at least for published monetary targetry. The fundamental dilemma facing the authorities on this score is that to choose a single target tends to reduce the usefulness of the chosen measure as an indicator (for example, the declining usefulness of sterling M3), while to choose a number of measures as targets could easily lead down the dangerous path of over-alboration over-elaboration

Public targetry on measures

prerequisite of attempting public targetry on broader-based monetary measures would, in any case, almost cer-tainly have to be an extension of the control mechanism whereby building societies were drawn further into the main-stream banking system with the status, say, of savings banks. It has, after all, been made all too clear under the present system that it is far from easy to meet a target for a chosen measure of money (sterling M3) when the available control mechanism (acting on interest bearing eligible liabilities) does not act on that measure

directly.
Given these kinds of probciven these kinds or prob-lems (not to mention some of the perversities that have characterized the present system over the years), it is hardly surprising that a band-wagon has been started by a number of monetary economists who would prefer to switch the focus of monetary control away from the liabilities of the commercial banks and on to the consolidated balance sheet of the central bank. authorities do even

tually decide to move towards some form of monetary base control however, it will certainly not provide an automatic solution to all our monetary problems. It will not remove the burden on government to pursue a fiscal policy appro-priate to any given monetary aim. Nor will it reduce interest rate volatility. Indeed, one of the strongest criticisms of opponents of a monetary base system is that it may well increase interest rate volatility.

There are, moreover, a number of structural changes implicit in a switch to an effective monetary base system. One con-cerns the role of the discount houses; a second concerns the present methods of selling public sector debt. The latter, however, is something that is almost certainly under review anyway. Arguably, it has not served the cause of monetary control as well as it might, subjected it to kresponsible

John Whitmore

A packet of trouble for the cigarette makers

Despite an easing of the price market and a consequent uplift in profits, Britain's tobacco manufacturers are bracing themselves for a difficult year. The Government has started negotiations with the industry over the voluntary agreement on the control of tobacco promo-

of the control of tonacco promo-tion which runs out at the end of March. Big cutbacks in advertising seem inevitable, Meanwhile, the enti-smoking lobby is in full cry for a total advertising ban except at the point of sale. The Chancellor seems certain

to raise taxes on tobacco in the next Budget. He might also impose a special burden on cigar-ettes as a tacit "bealth tax"

By the end of next year the obacco industry's code of conduct for sports promotion is due for review amid criticisms of tobacco manufacturers' names being associated with activities which have a good health image. Some tightening of the rules is expected.

All this comes at a time when the tobacco companies are emerging from a profits squeeze which began in the middle of 1978 It was then that Bat Industries entered the United Kingdom market with their State Express 555 brand which sold at a discount of as much as 8p for 20. Bat went from nothing to about 10 per cent of the king-size market; but as the price war is eased and dis-counts have been reduced, it has slipped back to what is esti-mated to be a shade under 4 per cent

per cent.
Imperial Group, whose W. D. and H. O. Wills and John Player subsidiaries had been forced to fight hard to move up from a poor 9 per cent slice of the king-size market, this week reported "a very good-year" in the tobacco division. Imperial, still the market leader with nearly 55 per cent of the total cigarette sector. of the total cigarette sector, holds about 45 per cent of the king-size market. King-size account for 63 per cent of cigarette sales but could well go to 80 per cent or more.
Gallahers, whose Benson and

The threat of advertising curbs, increased tax and competition, make next year look hectic for the tobacco industry.

Hedges label is hrand leader, has reported domestic tobacco profits up by just over 17 per cent in the nine months to Sep-

Derek Harris reports

The potential growth still left in the king-size market means that a renewal of increased price competition is always a possibility. But the tobacco market overall is gradually shrinking and the tobacco companies badly need every market-ing tool available if market share is to be retained.

This is why the big groups—

which also include Carreras--Rothman and Philip Morris-feel under pressure in the talks which have just opened with the health ministers, led by Mr Patrick Jenkin. Particularly at risk is cigar and pipe tobacco advertising on television since it has partly

promoted brand or company names which are also associated with cigarettes. In the year to November about 13.7m was spent on this form of advertis-But the companies are under

no illusion that there will be tougher curbs after March even though Mrs Thatcher has said that the Government favours a voluntary agreement rather than statutory action. One idea that may be pursued in the talks is for a blanket

reduction in advertising spend-ing. The tobacco companies spent 522.4m on cigarette advertising in newspapers and magazines in the 12 months to Nov-ember, according to Meal, the

poster advertising, a medium used by the companies to good effect, particularly in the sur-realist Benson and Hedges cam-paign. A poster advertising ban has just been announced by the frish Republic. The manufac-turers must be warned that Britain will follow suit.

The industry appears to bave failed in its argument that advertising of cigarettes merely allows them to compete for a share in a given market—rather than produce an expansion of the market.

Sir George Young, under-sec-retary at the Department of Health and Social Security, recently quoted with approval the advertising man who told him that toothpaste advertising increased awareness of dental hygiene and led to an increase in toothpaste sales.

"I believed bim and I think the same is true for tobacco,

Stronger health warnings on cigarette packets are expected to figure in the new agreement, and in the sports sponsorship talks later in the year the companies are likely to be under pressure to reduce their

While Sir George was adamant about making progress on the advertising issue he was less emphatic about sports pro-motion because of the reliance of so many sports on sponsor-ship cash. There are signs, however, that ministers feel a reduction in tobacco sponsor-ship would not seriously damage sports prospects.

But there are constraints on the Government. There are the Government. There are 40,000 jobs in cigarette manu-facturing and related employment (machinery manufacture, distributing, packaging and retailing) may be ten times that. There is also the Treasury's heavy reliance on tobacco duty

With squeezed promotion activities, Budget tax increases and the tussle for the growth in the king-size market those improved profit margins among the manufacturers could soon

How docile are Russia's unions?

Moscow Not one of the estimated 123 million Soviet trade unionists has ever gone on strike. The official explanation is that in a socialist society strikes are selfdefearing, since workers would be striking against themselves.
But even the Russians seem
to be finding this argument
rather shallow and nowadays tend to emphasize the independence of the unions from the state apparatus and their record in protecting workers' rights and settling disputes on the shop floor.

The unions are certainly not independent by Western standard concepts of labour law, part in initiating and formulating Soviet labour law, in helping management work out norms and quotas for individual factories and in organizing fringe benefits and holiday rest homes for their members.

With the increasing representation of union officials on factory boards in the West the

Soviet unions are becoming a little more recognizable in Surprisingly, union member

ship is not compulsory, though workers are strongly urged to join. Membership is on the principle of everyone in a single enterprise belonging to one union, and each union embraces workers in a particular branch of the economy-for example, there is the union of workers in machine-building and the union of workers in the food industry. The constitution gives unions an official role along with

management in running an enterprise. In practice, this means that they tell their members what the management and more particularly the communist party, which really con-trols management—has decided and make sure that this is implemented. The trade union daily news-

paper Trud recently denied that being guided by the party leadership meant that the unions were completely under the party's control. But Rus-sians find it difficult to explain precisely how the unions can protect workers' interests

Michael Binyon

is also guided by the party, without seeming to go against the party. In fact, the unions never challenge party policy. Where they do have independent room for manneuvre is in dealing with individual cases. A worke

who gets the sack can appeal to his union to have his case reviewed; factory managers who break safety regulations—notoriously lax by western standards—can be taken to court by union officials; and the payment of bonuses is often left to the unions to determine. building and allocating flats for their members, organizing sport and recreation facilities and seeing that wages are paid on

time. Wage levels are determined by central government, but the unions have an increasingly large share of what are called "social funds" to administer. In the past two years the priority has been to use these to improve working conditions for women, by, for example, building more nurseries and

kindergartens to allow working

mothers to continue full-time

employment. This year social security funds administered by trade unions totalled 32,000m roubles (about 522,860m). Much of the money went on summer holiday camps for children, rest-homes and sanitoria for workers and maternity allowances. The Soviet constitution says:

In accordance with the aims of building communism citizens of the USSR have the right to associate in public organizaassociate in public organizations that promote their polititions that promote their political activity and initiative and unions, which Stalin made a satisfaction of their various interests."

The is doomed. The is doomed. The is doomed.

Nevertheless Soviet trade unions, which Stalin made a virtual extension of a government department, have been

Accordingly, trade unions are given the right to nominate candidates for election to the Supreme Soviet, the equivalent parliament, and frequently call shop-floor meetings, where cerned morattendance is compulsory, at ing abuses.

which party polic explained and poor publicly reprimanded.
In practice, this political activity means little to the average worker, who recards the meetings as a dull obligation; and the elections are a foregone conclusion.

But what the constitution does not envisage is the setting up of any rival to the official unions. It came as a rude shock to the Soviet authorities in 1977 when a number of disgruntled workers who had been sacked from their factories gor together to form an "independent" to form an "independe union free of state control.

The authorities moved quickly suppress the organization The leaders were sent out of Moscow, questioned, arrested and a few of them, including the unofficial initiater, Vladimir Klebanov, were sent to psychiatric hospitals.

The independent union move ment had almost no effect within the Soviet Union but it em-barrassed the Russians in their dealings with trade unionists from overseas who had heard of the movement and wanted to know why it was suppressed. Britain's National Union of Mineworkers took up Kleba-nov's case, with some reluctance, at an international miners' conference in Poland last year. After a long delay the Russians told Mr Joe Gormley, the British miners' leader, that Klebanov had been injured and was now getting a disability pensioncontention that satisfied the NUM, but which Amnesty Inter-national dismissed as completely untrue.

The Russians do not allow

any organization to be set up unless it has the prior approval of the Communist Parry. Any kers that goes against this prin-ciple is doomed.

slowly granted measures of autonomy. And, as the bounds of legitimate criticism have been widened under Brezbnev, so unions have begun to be concerned more actively in remedy-

Business Diary: Recycled energies • Pay on site

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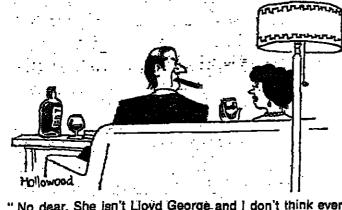
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he has castigated ic extremists" in slations and now heads ration that probably re PhDs than any other





No dear. She isn't Lloyd George and I don't think even this Government will be selling hereditary peerages."

launched yesterday to persuade brickies and chippies to take their wage by cheque or credit transfer, instead of in cash, gone will be the days of off-sie entertainment on pay day in pubs near building sites.

through the gradual shift to "non-cash methods of pay-ment" which the NFBTE is encouraging through a circular

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● If the National Federation of not drag from me—has had to Building Trades Employers indulge in an unusual practice succeeds in its campaign to gain acceptance of the credit transfer system.

Not only does the firm entice workers into the scheme by offering places in a £25 Ernie bond draw every month. Those who do not want their wives to know how much they earn are The banks stand to gain up able to pick up two pay slips—to half a million new customers one for the missus showing through the gradual shift to what the man wants it to show and another telling him how much he has really been paid. No premium bonds for guessing

encouraging through a circular to employers. The prospect is which shows the higher figure. None of these embarrassing the banks since building workers are not famous for their close appending to profit and payment came out yesterday loss accounts in matters of when the NFBTE scheme was domestic filance. I happen be a federation's president John Allen. Quite involves a shift in social artiproperly, he dwelt on advanttudes that may not happen ages to operatives and "the

George Lewis, 50-year-old managing director of RollsRoyce International in New Jersey, has been rewarded for his continuing success in selling growing numbers of these status-symbol cars to wealthy growing numbers of these status-symbol cars to wealthy Americans by being appointed to the parent board in the United Kingdom. His elevation marks the

first incursion by a foreigner into the all-British executive ranks of Rolls-Royce Motors. His achievements could not

pass for ever without lofty recognition. Sixty per cent of Rolls-Royces made at the Crewe factory are exported and 60 per-cent of those go to the United States. Last year Lewis and his team sold 1,200 and the total for the last five years is 5,500. Lewis is, in fact, responsible not just for the United States market for the company but

for pretty well the whole world outside the United Kingdom. Like many other successful motor industry men, he grew to prominence in Ford, spend-ing seven years as a salesman Venezuela and later as a sales planning and export marketing administrator.

McKinsey and Company, finally joining Rolls-Royce Inc in 1964 as a vice-president. In 1966 he became a director of the American company and general manager in 1969 and

He then quit Ford to become

management consultant for

he has been president of what is now Rolls-Royce Motors Inc since 1971. He assumed his latest title in 1973. Lewis is a graduate of Prince-

men of a beefed-up Monopolies and Mergers Commission. He is still looking. The commission already has

two deputy chairmen, Tony Richards from the Stock Exchange, and Sir Max Brown. a former civil servant. They are part-time, however, and the commission's work will be much heavier after the Competition Bill becomes law in the new year.

John Le Quesne, the lawyer who is the commission's full-

time chairman, is getting more staff, many of them specialists transferred from the now defunct Price Commission. The full-time deputy chairmen are much harder to find. Business people are now chary of taking full-time public appointments in nationalized industries, because the pay is bad or because there is too much ministerial interference. In joining interventionist bodies like the Monopolies Commission, which are dis-

liked by business, the fear is that to do a spell of public

service could be to do oneself

a private disservice in harming

one's career. It was in vain yesterday that I telephoned to bespeak accommodation on Christmas Eve in any of the three inns in Bangor. Gwynedd, listed in the British Tourist Authority's Britain: Hotels & Restaurants. None was open to travellers. Perhaps the next edition should include

a list of mangers.

Ross Davies

BRAZILIAN STERLING LOANS: DECREE LAW NO. 6019 State of Pernambuco 5% Loan 1905

Notice is hereby given that for the Sinking Fund of the above Loan for January 1980, bonds for a nominal mount of £1,580 have been purchased and £6,520 drawn for redemption. The following are the numbers of the Bonds drawn for redemption at par on 1st January 1960 after which

date all interest thereon will cease, 1181 1756 2298 2759 4499 8889 12321 14441 16679 1334 1814 2354 2962 5157 6900 11295 13538 15819 3274 12161 14246 16477 18596 19802 20605 9331 12577 14616 16894 18861 20065 9949 12796 14806 17124 18953 7728 11923 13902 16235 13783 16089 20288 20478 21553 20341 20546 20916 22137 23395 20597 20729 22543 24383 22699 24572 23553 23756 24838 26625 28414 30420 25740 27488 29488 26335 28007 30074 31854 25202 25573 27303 29240 31261 32566 34505 36489 37985 39110 40333 41418 26918 28807 30856 32318 26796 27180 29073 31090 32476 34352 36213 37881 38970 40263 41363 42387 43683 45588 47588 28663 30629 30239 31593 32930 34944 36867 32008 33404 35568 37462 31416 23103 25139 37027 33295 35392 37290 32137 32191 33907 35866 37647 34158 36007 37717 36217 39523 40688 41730 37561 32597 397**2**6 40470 41590 42624 43689 45888 40865 41953 41564 41894 42945 44577 46491 43126 49119 42456 43756 45708 42738 44098 46097 42194 42065 43253 42238 43143 4477B 43393 46604 48239 48309

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Stock markets

Buyers come back and prices start to climb

terday.

But dealers reported a slow start to proceedings with small bouts of selling encountered after adverse press comment about the market, Only gold shares featured strongly as experts waited in

The shares in Sucliffe Speakman, the engineer, rest at 32p after 28p recently. There are fears that the figures for the half year to September, due soon, will be wretched, thanks possibly to further provisions against Middle East contracts. Some see a bid as a possible

anticipation of the bullion price touching the \$500 mark.

But buyers started to remerge around about lunch time in the hope of picking up shares at the lower ends. This in turn sent share prices climb-ing, balting the slide of recent

BOCInternationalLtd

Group results, unaudited, for the

year to 30 September 1979:

Operating costs

Group share of associated com-

panies' profits less losses

Trading profit (note1)

Degreciation

Europe

Africa :

Americas

Pacific

Interest

Trading profit

Airco adjustment

Profit before tax

Profit after tax

Minority interests

Extraordinary items

Disposable earnings

Dividends: Preference

Retained earnings

Earnings per share

-nil distribution basis

---net basis (after ACT written off)

as at 30 September 1979:

Minority shareholders' interests

Shareholders' funds

Long-term fiabilities

Deferred tax

Fixed assets

investments

Ordinary-interim

-proposed final

The Group's policy includes revaluing assets on to a

replacement cost basis and additional depreciation of £22.2 million (1978 £13.9 million) has been charged accordingly. If depreciation had been applied on

historic cost, profit before tax would have been £94.9

million (1978 £80.4 million) and earnings per share

(net basis) would have been 17.76p (1978 12.31p).

Condensed balance sheet, unaudited,

Earnings

The re-entry of bargain hunters into the market provided a firm note for equities and Government securities yes—and Government yes—and Activity in Gilt edged also provided a firmer note as prices moved better from the

start. Longs reported rises of about E. while at the short end of the market gains of about i on the day were reported. Low levels of activity were reported among leading indusreported among leading industrials as prices moved up and down in a fairly narrow margin. Once again Fisons featured strongly as the price rose 10p to 264, in a thin market, following its decision not to acquire Agricultural Holdings.

BOC International edged

ahead 11p to 60p after better-while rises of 2p were noted than-feared interim figures in ICI at 370p, Unilever at 458p and Beecham at 120p. Shares of Ferranti climbed 20p to 399p on hopes that the NEB was about to sell its stake, following better-than-expected interim figures, as it did in the case of ICL earlier in the week. Among other companies report-ing Forminster climbed Sp to

Year to

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£million 1,196.1

(1.019.5)

176.6

(64.4)

112.2

115.8

26.0

15.5

49.1

21.1

115.8

(18.4)

66.5

(30.8)

35.7

(8.5)

27.2

(2.9)

24.3

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5.9

11.3

24.3

9.40p

8.45p

3.6

30.9.79

£ million

1,229.0

(1,031.6)

197.4

120.1

124.6

31.4

14.9

56.1

1.7

20.5

124.6

72.7

 $\{28.1\}$

(7.6)

37.0

35.0

7.4

13.7

35.0

12.86p

11.395

30.9.79 30.9.78

£ million £ million

499.1

68.6

25.2

516.3

64,0

(2.0)

(77.3)

for a 5p rise to 162p in Greenall Whiteley but A. Monk dipped 7p to 32p and Ward & Goldstone shed 60p.

The DOT inquiry into St Piran provided for a 7p fall to 58p while bid speculation continued to lift Guthrie Corporation Spto 624p. Further reflection on recent figures from Arthur Guinness nudged the price up 3p to 189p while overseas the pace, additional form of the figures of the figu

are shown on a gross and earnings are net. a f=Loss.

The strong bullion price provided for a firm spot in gold acas while properties remained shares where W. Dreifontein easier on as hopes of cheaper leapt \$2 to \$72\frac{1}{4}, Angle American Gold improved \$2\frac{1}{4}\$ to \$73\frac{1}{4}\$ and Vaal Reefs jumped by a similar amount to \$6\frac{1}{4}\$. Selection Trust was \$22p firmer at \$240p, while overseas huming a searching to the Frehance Tale.

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•	Соптрацу	Sales	Profits	Earnings	. Div	Pay	Year's	
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	A. Monk (I)	37.5137.01	0.95f(1.26)	<u>-</u> ()	Nil(1.0)		·(3.5)	
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•	Bluemet (F)	5.0(5.17)	0.18(0.31)	4.36(7.22)	2.17(2.17)	4/4	3.82(3.82)	
•	Browniee & Co (I)	12.1c; 10.8d)	0.83(0.40)	8.0(4.2)	1.0(0.6)		·=(-)	
l	Cooper Indsis (I)	12.0(10.1)	0.43(1.2)	—(—)	b0.6(0.5)	2/4	—ì—i	
•	Danae Inv (1)	<u>-(-)</u>	0.12(0.14)	1.76(2:02)	1.6(1.5)	26/2	—(3.5)	
	Equity Consort (I)	_i_i	0.30(0.22)	-(-)	2.5(2.0)	31/1	-(-)	
•	Electric & Gen (I)	_i_i	0.31(0.22)	1.73(1.26)	0.85(0.6)	11/2	_i_i	
	Ferranti (I)	95.3(82.5)	3.5(3.2)	-()	2.9(1.9)	1/2	_?_i l	
•	Forminster (1)	7.6(6.3)	0.77(0.64)	8.25(6.7)	1.68(1.54)	25.2	—(3,16a)	
	Greenall Whitley (F)	162,2(130,6)	16.1(11.5)	13.23(10.58)	2.5(1.6)	22/2	5.25(2.93)	
	Hollis Bros (1)	26.5(24.4)	0.5(1.0)	4.3(7.8)	1.4(1.3)	15/2	-(5.1)	
	Nottingham Brk (F)	3.0(2.1)	0.64(0.63)	42.5(63.8)	12.7()	27/2	18.06(12.8)	
•	Plysy (1)	9.5(7.06)	1.23(0.66)	—(—)	0.67(0.34)	6/2	-(0.94)	
7	Radiant Metal (1)	0.47(0.36)	0.11(0.67)	- (-)	1.0(0.55)	31/1	—(2.1)	
1	Redman Heenan (F)	45,53(34,21)	3.4(2.8)	15.2(13.4)	2.0(1.01)		4.0(2.02)	
1	Spencer Clark (F)	10.0(8.2)	0.36(0.15)	—(—)	bI.6(b1.43)	1/4	2.56(2,38)	
ı	Stanhope Gen (I)	0.03(0.07)	0.05(0.05)	2.89(2.79)	1.83(1.4)	25/1	<u>-(-)</u>	
1	Ward-Goldstone (1)	1.0(1.4)		· -(-'\	0.9(0.9)	22/2		
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First-half losses at A Monk

By Baron Phillips A sharp downturn in profitability of two major con-tracts—in Milton Keynes and the Isle of Wight—have con-tributed to a half-rime loss for civil engineers and building contractors A. Monk. For the six months to August 31, 1979 Monk produced pretax losses of £955,000 against a pretax profit of £1.26m at the same stage last year. Turnover at the half-way stage was up marginally from £37m to £37.5m.
Last year it was believed that the mining to property com-pany St Piran was set to stage

one time St Piran held a nearly projects.
30 per cent stake in the group.
Chairman Mr William Whitmonths Milton Keynes have resulted from problems with an earthworks report originally supplied to the company. It has meant the contract will not be com-pleted until at least July instead of last week. And a £3.5m power plant contract on the Isle Wight has been hit by high

labour costs

Mr Wittingham says it is unlikely that the group will pro-

a takeover bid for Monk. At duce a profit on either of these He reports that the first six Chairman Mr William Whit-ingham says that delays in a delays in settling contracts £7m road building contract at which were completed in pre-Milton Keynes have resulted vious years and in some cases stretch back as far as 1975. No forecast is being made for the year-end result but the board expects to make a profit at the end of the 12 month period. But Mr Wittingham warns that current contracts are being affected by the lifting, last May, of price controls which is seriously undermining many of the group's projects.

No Fisons bid for Agricultural

Fisons, the chemicals and fertilizers group, has pulled out of its proposed acquisition of the seeds and engineering businesses of Agricultural Holdings after discovering a "substantial reduction" in profits from those forecast for the year.
Agricultural Holdings, one of Britain's largest private com-panies, agreed to sell the busiin August for 4.5m Fisons ordinary shares, worth about £11.25m. Combined turnover of the two operations was down pre-tax profits by 9 per about £26m. They were decent to £40.1m in the year to signed to complement Fisons' existing product ranges. At the halfway stage this year Fisons profits were 35 per cent down £7.34m after sharp falls in

Montague L Meyer buys Dutch group

Timber importer and distributor. Montague L. Meyer is to acquire the Dutch timber merchants Van Riesen Beheer BV at a cost of Df129.4 (approximately 57m) which includes mately 57m) which includes a Dfl5.4m modern terminal at Middleburg. Meyer will issue

CANDECCA ACQUISITION

Boards of Candecca Resources
Cambrian Exploration announce
that negotiations have been con-

cluded which will result in an offer being made on behalf of Candecca for all issued share capital of Cambrian after full con-

version of the series A loan notes. Terms are two Candecca shares for every Cambrian share.

Proposed merger of agricultural management division with Inter-national Basic Economy Corpora-

tion (55 per cent owned by the Rockefeller family), will provide

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320,000 ordinary shares of 25p accounting for Dfl1m, a further Dfl19m is to be paid in cash on completition and the remaining Df154m cash will be deferred for four years at an in-terest rate of 8 per cent.

Lloyds Bank Int cautious

Board see little sign of intprovement in conditions of world economy which pulled doubled to 0.97p gross. cent to £40.1m in the year to Newcomer to Over and-September. year sterling's strength cut income by £6.5m and exchange losses on overseas working capital rose the agrochemicals and fertili-tres divisions and the effects of the rise in sterling.

from £5.3m to £9.5m. In the current year inflation and low economic activity will restrain activity.

Plysu profit is

Plysu, the plastic container manufacturer, almost doubled its pretax profit in the first half on a 35 per cent sales increase.
Profit went from £660,000 to Profit went from £660,000 to the year to next March of no £1.2m and turnover rose to less than £1.15m.

£9.5m in the 28 weeks to Octo-ber 12 1979. Chairman, Mr C. S. Summerlin said that high

mand for the group's bottles and 20-25 litre containers con-tributed to the growth but that housewares activity declined in the second quarter and re-mained at a low level. "In the absence of uncontrollable factors a satisfactory rate of pro-gress will be maintained." The interim dividend has been

the-Counter market

The Frank Horsell Group, printing firm, will join the Over-the-Counter Market on December 21 following completion of a placing by M. J. H. Nightingale and Co of 421,075 ordinary shares at 88p. This placing represents about 13 per cent of issued equity, and further shares should become available during first year.
In the year to March Horsell earned pre-tax profits of £1.0m sales of £6.99m. The directors forecast profits before

Toshiba record tax and extraordinary items for

WMC offer.

pute which closed the Edin-burgh factories, the group increased pre-rax profit from a previous £3.2m to £3.5m, on turnover up £12.8m to £95.3m In November the group sold Ferranti-Packard for around £7.6m and the cash from this

provision to take in the custs of 110m last year, forecasts for the the closure, and exchange current period centre on 111m differences. Exports account for which gives the group a progaround a third of group turn pective p/e ratio of 16 fully-

The decision to close the transformer division was made in September, and up to 400 employees could be made redundant. previous, year. However the board emphasize that the in-crease is to reduce disparity with the final and is not an

indication of the full year total. There has been considerable turnover up £12.8m to £95.50 £7.6m and the cash trom this in the half year to September sale has gone to reduce borrow speculation, researly that the 30, 1979.

The transformer division is charges rose from a previous the next to be sold and follow the continuing black spot with the f1.9m. In the f1.9m. In the placing of the ICL hold-the group. Although the division with the resumption of work ing earlier this week the market is to be closed down on the coming in all factories the order book is looking for some announced pletion of the current orders, is looking healthy and the direct ment early in January. Neither first-half losses from this side tars anticipate an inpunion of the NEB or Ferranti would be appropried to £200,000 and Ferrance and the first-half losses from this side tars anticipate an inpunion to the NEB or Ferranti would be appropried to £200,000 and Ferrance and the first-half losses from this side tars anticipate an inpunion comment last night. amounted to £200,000 and Fer second half turnover. comment last night

Linfood recovery continues

By Rosemary Unsworth

Linfood Holdings has continued its recovery, started in United Kingdom turnover with the sessond helf of last year, fil.5m; wholeasles which repushing up profits by 72 per presents 29 per cent with cent at the halfway stage.

Pretax profits went from fil.4m turnover; and cash and fil.5m turnover.

Pretax profits went from fil.4m turnover; and cash and fil.7m turnover.

The board expects an improvement rose by 19 per cent to fil.7m turnover.

The board expects an improvement resulted from the menger with Wheatsheaf as the engaged group's 12 major operating giving priority throughout the structures.

These are retailing; which accounted for 31 per cent of not expecting to continue the same growth rate in the second thalf although profits should easily beat last year's £7m.

Lord Kissin, chairman, added that profits from the delivered wholesale business have begun to recover mainly as a result of carry operations performance in the cash and to recover mainly as a result of carry operations performance in the cash and that profits from the delivered wholesale business have begun to recover mainly as a result of carry operations performance in the cash and that profits from the delivered wholesale business have begun to recover mainly as a result of carry operations performance in the cash and that profits from the delivered wholesale business have begun to recover mainly as a result of carry operations performance in the cash and that profits from the delivered wholesale business have begun to recover mainly as a result of carry operations performance in the cash and that profits from the delivered that profits from the cash and that profits from the ca

Hopes that the NEB will sell its 50 per cent stake in Ferranti on the back of better-than-

expected interim figures added 20p to the share price yesterday

Despite the national engineer-

ing strike and an 11 week dis-

Redman Heenan jumps 21pc

growth despite the effects of last summer's engineering dis-

In the 12 months to September 30, 1979. pre-tax profits surged ahead by 21 per cent to £3.4m compared with £2.81m on turnover up 33 per; cent from £34.21m ro £45.53m; But the directors point out that the-turnover figure includes £8m.

For the eighth successive subsidiary and reflects the com- food engineering division which year Redman Heegan Interpletion of long term loss substantially increased turnnational has produced record making contracts, provision for over and profits. Also, pregrowth despite the effects of which has been included in past viously loss-making companies counts. in the group managed to chip The directors state that the in modest profits during the

year's record, profit, which year, would have been higher still if. The board is facing the it had not been for the engineer current year with cautious ing dispute, is a result of the optimism. RHI started the year group's capital expenditure with a healthy order book. programme over the past few report the directors, but the years. the directors point out that the years economic indicators are point turnover figure includes £8m Most companies in the group ing to an even more difficult which produced no profits.

This is attributable to the none over the past 12 months, to predict the group's outcome Heenan Environmental Systems say the board, especially the in the current period.

International

will probably keep fixed capital investment at over 50bn yen annually in the 1981 and 1982

sets this year.

Production of semi-conductors and video tapes by the parent company will also be increased substantially after the enlarged

Toshiba Corporation of Japan, a major heavy electric company rights offer, Federale Mynbox Lionhro also continued has announced that it's net will make a 50-for 100 rights crive special attention.

Sony Corporation of Japan profit in the first half of 1979 offer at 1,100 cents a share to says it plans to increase fixed in September 30 reached an alling capital investment in Japan and time high for a half year of convertible preference share-overseas to more than 50bn yen 23.59bn-yen, up by a sharp 159 on a consolidated basis in the current 1980 business year started on November 1.

This compares with 34bn year to hat a record.

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Toshiba expects its net in sortium bank specializing in loans to the area, raised pre-tax profits strength. The company is also compelling a medium-range investment programme, which

Western Mining

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Western Mining Corporation

Australia and Western Mining Corporation Holdings Ltd says they are entitled to 42.2 per cent of B. H. South issued capital of 55.55m

investment at over 50bn yen annually in the 1981 and 1982 over office for South is now Increased investment in this free of the 90 per cent minibusiness year is designed to boost production of video tape recorders to 800,000 sets during Commonwealth Trading Bank 1980 from an estimated 600,000 pominees with 153 per cent has refused to accept the latest

> Federale Mynbou Central merchant bank of

Johannesburg says that subject to General Mining and Finance Corporation proceeding with its.

Options

Dealers reported an increase in acrivity in Racal Electronics among traded options yesterday following its rather subdued debur on Monday. The decision by shareholders in Imperial Group to give the go-shead for its proposed acquisition of Howard Johnson resulted in 171 contracts being completed compared with the day's total of

Oil shares featured prominently in traditional options with calls being made in Premier Oil, Charterhall, Siebens, Tricentrol and Ultramar. Lonhro also continued to re

EULABANK

Extract from Audited Accounts for the year ended 30th September 1979 1979

Profit before Taxation 6,881,564 4,036,726 Profit after Taxation...... 3,261,758 1,935,158 Share Capital and Reserves. 19,272,406 16,512,148 Deposits..... ...321,012,868 214,658,534 Cash, at banks, money at call and short notice, CD's ... 61,598,245 Deposits with banks...... 21,331,896 Loans......259,589,496 165,670,117 Total Assets..... .355,344,119 237,136,976

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Briefly

NEGRETTI AND ZAMBRA.

No interim (same). Turnover for half year to September 9 53.33m (£5m). Trading loss was 2537,000 (profit £166,000). Loss per share was 25.2p (0.04p). Board is selling certain assets relating to its industrial division at Aylesbury. Bucks., for £1.3m cast. Purchaser is British Rototherm Company. a small increase in profits in 1980. Stake in IBEC, which is said to be the world's leading supplier of turkey breeding stock, will cost Booker \$18m. DUNDONIAN

Rights issue to provide part of consideration payable for Algrey now completed with 94.92 per cent subscribed in full. RADIANT METAL FINISHING

Turnover for half year to August 31 £476,000 (5329,000). Pre-tax profit £113,000 (£74,000). Interim 1.42p gross (0.82p).

Board says company should achieve a similar profit return for the remaining six months. DOLOI TEA HLDGS-TATEGOLD

Board of Doloi having discussions with Tategold which could lead to an offer for Doloi. Board of Doloi recommends shareholders to retain their shares until further details are known. INTERNATIONAL FACTORS

(Member of the Lloyds & Scot-tish Group).—Profits before tax of £972,000 for year to September 39, an increase of 22 per cent on previous year. Profit is after ex-ceptional expenditure of £138,000 on a new computer system. FORMINSTER

HOLLIS BROSS & E.S.A.

Turnover for half year to Sept 8.25p (6.7 50 £25.49m (£24.26m), Pre-tax pro-fit £30,000 (£1m). EPS 4.3p (7.Sp), Interim 2p gross (1.93p). for year.

Turnover (for half-year to October 31 £7.65m (£5.26m). Net profit £364.000 (£301,000). EPS 8.25p £6.70p). Interim 2.4p (2.3p) gross. Board cautiously optimistic of achieving a satisfactory result for year.

Business appointments

New joint chairman of S G Warburg & Co

Mr David G. Scholey, at present deputy chairman, has been appointed joint chairman of S. G. Warburg & Co. Mr Geoffrey C. Seligman will give up his position as joint chairman but will remain on the poard and continue as deputy chairman of Mercury Securities. Mr P. R. Lawrence, Mr J. A. McIntyre, Mr G. A. Wrightman, Mr R. E. L. Williams, Mr M. R. Earlow and Mr M. Whaie join the board of Fremont Under-

writing Management.

Mr George Lewis is to join the board of Rolls-Royce Motors Holdings and Rolls-Royce Motors.
Mr Frank Nugent has been appointed executive director — materials control of Dowty Mining

Mr A. M. G. Galliers-Pratt has Mr A. M. G. Galliers-Pratt has been appointed gropp managing director of F. Pratt Engineering Corporation. This is in addition to his position as group chairman and chairman of the board of the company. Mr W. G. Friggens is made deputy group chairman responsible for finance and administration and deputy chairman of the board of the company. Mr S. W. Murray Threipland is appointed deputy group chairman responsible deputy group chairman responsible

Mr Anthony J. Tennant is juming the board of Safeguard Industrial Investments.

Mr Christopher Ward has been appointed managing director of Kirby Dartford.

Mr Keith H. Williams has been Management.

Sir Kenneth Cork has been reasonable of the correction of the co

Eden Vale, moves to Express

Mr James S. Heaton, is joining the board of Peter Black - Holdings. Mr C. E. Proctor and Mr D. E. Petchell will be resigning

Succeeded as secretary by Mr.
L. H. Snelling.
Mr. John Whitworth has joined Holt Lloyd International as financial director of its

United Kingdom division. the board of Nexos Office. Systems board as sales and

497.0 Net borrowings and finance leases 1,067.8 1,113.0 0.808 Associated companies and 25.4 18.3 Working capital (excluding bank) 234.4 274.3 balances and short-term loans) 1,067.8 . 1,113.0 1. Results in local currency of all areas (e-cept Asia) showed an improvement over the provious year, but these improvements are not fully relieved in the profit statement because of strengthening of sterling during the year. Results in local currency have been translated at cochange rates ruling at 30 September 1979; if exchange rates ruling e: 50 September 1978 had still applied, profit before tax would have been higher by approximately £5.8 million.

2. The directors recommend a final dividend 2.3p net per 25p Ordinary Share (1978: 1.85075p) making a total of 4.2p for the year (1978: 3 50075p). This total is equivalent to 6.0p inclusive of tax credit (1978: 5.225p). The total net dividend is covered 2.5 times by disposable earnings.

Disposable earnings on a current cost basis (calculated in accordance with the most recent proposals of the Accounting Standards Committoe) were £28 million. The total net dividend is accordingly covered 2.0 times by CCA eartunes.

3. The Annual Report will be posted on 21 January 1980 and the

annual shareholders' meeting will be held on 27 February. Books close on 29 February for the final dividend; warrants will be posted

on 1 April, payable on 2 April. For further copies of this report write or phone Investor Relations Dept. 80C International Ltd., Hammersmith House, London W6 9DX. Tel. 01-748 2020.

Mr Christopher Nelson, formerly executive director of

for operations.

Mr E. K. Constable has be-

come a director of Norman Friz-zell Life and Pensions.

made engineering director of The 600 Group, relinquishing his posi-tion as managing director. Mr W. M. Forrest, group per-sonnel director of The Distillers Company has been appointed a member of its management com-

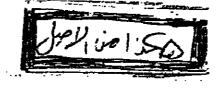
Eden Vale, moves to Express Creameries as executive director. His place at Eden Vale is taken by Mr Paul Wilkinson. Mr S. H. Banham has been made director of administration; Mr T. C. A. Black, director of marketing; Mr P. Oliver, financial controller; Mr R. D. B. Severa, director of agencies and Mr J. B. Mounsey. financial vice-president in the UK of Manufife Insurance Group. Mr D. J. Bell has been appointed groupvice-president. US division, and Mr F. A. Simons, group vice-president, Canada division. Mr P. E. Hootan is to

reappointed a director of the Kursaal Company, a position he relinquished last year to be Lord Mayor of London.

from the board of Cosalt this month. Mr P. H. Dean has been elected president of The Mining Association Dr A. W. Smith has been elected vice-president and Mr S. J. Whiteman is being

Mr James Bensham and Mr Leonard Morris have been appointed to the board of john Kitchen Queen Group,
lifice Miss Vivien van Dijk, Mr
and Paul Massey and Mr Hugh
Turrall-Clarke have been elec-Mr James Lee is to become ted principals in Towers, Perrin, deputy chairman of Pearson Forster & Crosby.

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THE TIMES THURSDAY DECEMBER 20 1979 RKET REPORTS **Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds** HATE TO High Los Bid Offer True Wall Street s of credit proved ade-resterday and market believed that there was a fair-sized surplus left ratem at the end of the New York, Dec 19. Declining issues held a lead of about 505 to about 665 over advances, on the New York Stock Exchange, but the margin had been about four-to-one earlier. rates and uneven flow rates and uneven flow is suggested a tighter than the underlying phicated. In fact, from per cent, rates at one shed 17 per cent, and the day's activity was he band of 164 per cent, cent. In the afternoon, or our more readily, towards the finish, and bilances were taken unids of 154 per cent to ept. The Dow Jones average was up 0.26 to 838.91. It had been down about six points during the first hour this morning. Volume again topped 40 million shares, totalling 41,780,000 shares compared with Tuesdays total of 43,310,000. Texas Industries was up 1] tef sources of liquidity infled as small above-ik balances brought over sday and large excess of disbursements over receipts. y Market 2 months 150kg 3 months 150kg CORN .-**Commodities** : in parentheses. * Ex dividend. ender : Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £20 wid. g 150p paid. ınk Base Rates lidated Crdts estminster .. minster 17% tonnes. Was at £241.75 (8643) a ms and Glyn's 17% sy deposit on sums of .00 and under 15%, up 125,000 15%, over 15%, ... G. S. March S. London, E. March S. S. S. Sanjiy & Law S. S. Sanjiy & S. Sanjiy & S. S. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited 3 Lover Lane London EC3R 8EB Telephone: 01-838 8651 i21.20: Dec 121.60-123.70. Sales, 57 into the control of the contr The Over-the-Counter Market Price Chige Div(p) 46 Airsprung Group Armitage & Rhodes - 6.7 8.9 - 3.8 10.0 - 13.8 6.3 - 5.0 5.4 - 17.5 5.0 - 12.8 12.0 - 16.5 15.0 - 5.2 8.8 - 7.2 6.2 - 31.3 12.8 Deborah Ord Deborah 171% CULS 353 Eurosyndicat Frederick Parker 107 George Blair 110 The Eurosyndicate Index on European share prices was put provisionally at 133.77 on December 18 against 134.14 a week earlier. George Blair Jackson Group James Burrough Robert Jenkins Torday Limited Torday Limited Twinlock Ord Twinlock 12% ULS Unilock Holdings Walter Alexander W. S. Yeates New 185 -- 16.5 15.0 - 5.2 8.8 - 7.2 6.2 - 31.3 12.8 - 14.3 6.4 - 0.8 4.9 - 12.0 15.8 - 2.6 4.6 - 4.4 5.3 - 11.5 6.3 Foreign exchange report The dollar closed a little easier against most major currencles. The Opec oil pricing meeting and the continuing United States-Iran crists remaining the major background influences. German marks rose from 1.7315 to 1.73125, Swiss francs bardened from 1.6060 to 1.6045, and French francs advanced from 4.06625 to 4.0513. The Japanese yen gained from 2.19.45 to 239.05 in dollar terms. Sterling finished a very quiet day yesterday slightly higher on balance. In dollar terms, the pound rose 60 points to 2.2045, while its value against a basket of currencies, as measured by the effective exchange rate index, added 0.1 to 69.7. unts prepared under provision of SSAP15. acced 0.1 to 59.7. But trading was extremely slow throughout, most operators baving already squared their positions ahead of the new year, dealers said. HOLLIS BROS. AND E.S.A. Sterling Spot and Forward LIMITED New York Montreal Amsierdam Brussels Copenhages Frankfurt Lisbon Madrid Mism Oslo Paris S.heckbolot Vienus Zurich INTERIM STATEMENT— Half-Year to 30th September, 1979 (UNAUDITED) 6 months to 6 months to 30,9.79 30.9.78 £000's £000's 24,360 1,546 541 over Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, was up 6.14 at 65.77. **Dollar Spot** Sterling: Other 1,005 296 p Profit Before Tax Estimated Corporation Tax.. 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consequence the Directors have declared an Interim dend of 5.6% (5.192%) on each 25p Ordinary Share valent with Deemed Advance Corporation Tax to 8%

ment will absorb £126,766 and will be made on 15th ruary 1980 to shareholders whose names, are on the ster at the close of business on 17th January 1980.

judgment of the current trading is indicated by the

By Order of the Board G. C. ROWE

Group Secretary

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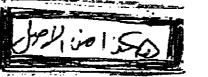
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Radio 4

6.00 am News Briefing.

9.05 Checkpoint. 9.30 The Living World, 10.00 News.

8.35 Yesterday in Parliament, 9.00 News.

6.10 Farming Today, 6.30 Today, 7.80, 8.00 News, 7.30, 8.30 Headlines,

PERSONAL CHOICE 1.4

ny Steele in his own musical fantasy Quincy's Quest 7.00)

vill not have escaped your attention that most critics have ather rude about the BBC's weekly quiz contest Blankety and that the BBC in turn (and in its Handbook for 1980) and that the BBC in turn (and in its Handbook for 1980) rung smartly to its defence, saying about its runaway is that it is "a simple piece of harmless fun, skilfully ed by Terry Wogan". Simple? Yes. Harmless? itably. But brain-numbing and trivial, too, and in the final is pointless because the key words which are supposed to le common ground between panel and visitors are arily chosen, and wit seems to play no part at all in their ion. As for Mr Wogan's skill in berating the panel as though re naughty schoolboys, it is indeed considerable. When he thits them with his baton-like microphone; he becomes a manque. More simple, harmless, skilfully handled fun it (REC 1 755)

er Noon Plus (ITV, 2.00) is getting very ambitious these and can no longer (if, indeed it ever could) be dismissed by who had probably never seen it as cosy viewing for the who had probably never seen it as cosy viewing for the pleased. Today, for instance, it carries the first major (ie nd searching) interview with the Rt Rev Robert Runcie, at Archbishop of Canterbury. The interviewer, Mavis Ison, throws everything at him—the ordination of women is, relations between the Anglican Church and the Roman lic Church ("aren't you a little bit jealous of the Pope's s?", she asks) and waning public respects for the Church thy. Completing the programme is a visit to Ridley Hall, aglican training college in Cambridge.

h the musical fantasy Quincy's Quest (ITV, 7.00), the mas season on television can be said officially to have Santa Claus and carols apart, what could better betoken tive season than the sight of Tommy Steele, as a torn doll y shop, hoping to colist Father Christmas's help in thing other unfortunates like him from being cast into a urnace? I read that it took a year to film Quincy's Quest efore that, there were two years of planning. It is with such ics that the advent of a cinema epic is heralded. Despite y expectations remain high.

n Tydeman's production of Ibsen's A Doli's House (Radio) is a brand new one and it is broadcast 100 years (all but after the play's first performance in Copenhagen. The cast cong one; Ian McKellen as Torvald Helmer, Susan cood as Nora, David Buck as Nils Krogstad and Michael (recently Edge on the right). (recently Eden on television) as Dr Rank. Before you tire m at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, . . . In part two of ench travel yarn, Tom Vernon, the self-styled Fat Man on a e, explains what he did when he found a naked lady in his m (Radio 4, 10.05 am).

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Broadcasting Guide

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TELEVISION.

BBC 1

BBC 2

12.45 pm News and weather. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One: With Tony Bilbow's regular movie feature. Michael Smith has some Christmas

Michael Smuth has some Christmas food ides.

1.45 The Flumps: children's story.

What a Carrot (r).

2.00 Film: Life with Father (1347). Turn-of-the-century romantic comedy with William Powell and Irene Dunne as the fond parents and Elizabeth Taylor as the magnetic of domestic colm. the upsenter of domestic calm.
3.55 Play School: the story of The
Mail Coach. Plus old-fashioned
Christmas scenes at Bonsall, 4.20 Deputy Dawg: the cartoon Mr

Moose (r).
4.25 Jacksmory: Spike Milligan reads part 3 of Help I I'm a Prison-er in a Toothpaste Factory, by John Antrohus. 4.40 Screen Test: movie quiz. With Gainsborough High School and Newark Magdalen High and Newark Magdalen High School. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround:

11.00 am Play School: same as BBC 1, 3.55. Close down at 11.25.

5.40 pm Laurel and Hardy: Tit for Tat.* A sequel to last night's comedy Them This. Smiley and Oliver open an electrical shop next

door to a grocer's shop run by the same couple involved in the liquor-well complications in Them Thar Hills. One of Laurel and Hardy's most destructive short films.

in this season of George Formby comedies. George plays a photographer's assistant who becomes an ice-hockey referee.

7.20 A Bear's Christmas : cartoon.

7.30 News: with sub-titles for the bard of hearing.

9.38 am Secret Diaries: William Tredwell's Daily Journal. The year was 1832. A dramatized document-ary about life in those days (r).

9.55 Dynomuff: The Great Brain Train Robbery: animated adven-ture.

10.15 Family: A Tale Out of Sea-

11.65 Survival Special: Search for the Shinohara. How they extri-cated the dead and their belong-ings from a sunken Japanese sub-marine in the Pacific.

12.00 Topper's Tales: The late (sorely missed) Julian Orchard tells the story of Father Christmas

12.10 pm Stepping Stones: the

12.30 The Sullivans: stories of an

Australian family in the last war. 1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News.

1.30 Armchair Theatre: The Limbo Connection, Flual episode of Philip

Mackie's drama about a missing wife. Starring James Bolan.

2.00 Afternoon Plus. Includes an exclusive interview with Robert Barbara Murray: ITV, 2.45.

11.55 The Bubblies: cartoon.

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son. Another story about a American family, the Lawrences.

THAMES

5.10 Blue Peter: another progress report on the Bive Peter appeal fund for Cambodian refugees which has raised the astonishing total of £2,559.013—and is still ris-5.40 News: with Peter Woods, 5.55 Nationwide.

6.55 Tomorrow's World: The programme hopes to pick up an Italian television programme to illustrate how one country can "steal" another's pictures. Also items on a device to make money safer in transit; and energy from Cornwall's granite.

7.20 Top of the Pops: the presenter tonight is Jimmy Savile. 7.55 Blankety Blank: The quiz game whose success the BBC has been stoutly defending. Panel con-sists of Lorratus Chase, Henry

Cooper, Kenny Everett, Thora Hird, Karen Kay, Roy Kinnear (see Personal Choice). 8.30 The Dawson Watch: Les Dawson, a sour contedian, takes the environment as the subject for his comedy show tonight.

7.40 A Kind of Childhood: Gamin. Award-winning film (by Ciro Duran) about the beggar children who live in the streets of Bogota, Colombia. If focuses on seven-year-old Pinoccho who sleeps in a cardboard box.

8.30 Premiere: Weekend, First play

to be directed by cameraman John Burrow. It is written by Ian Ken-nedy Martin. Kenneth Halgh is the playwright spending a winter weekend at a hotel. Ann Firbank is

the ex-actress who seems to be giving in to him. 9.00 Kelly Monteith: comedy sketches starring the American comedian. Gabrielle Drake plays

9.30 Still Centre: Winchester Cathedral 1079-1979. The private life

Runcie, the next Archbishop of Canterbury (see Personal Choice).

2.45 The Caledonian Cascade:

Alma Cullen's play about a judge's lonely wife (Barbara Murray) who makes a stand against her busband (lain Cuthbertson) and society generally. A comedy (r).

3.45 Looks Familiar: show business

ouiz. With Denis Norden, Bernard Manning, Albert Modley, Norman Vaughan.

9.25 Play for Today: The Net-work. Emotional drama by work. Emotional drama by Stephen Fagin, about a private clinic which is trying to persuade 10.05 Fat Man on a Bicycle (2).+ 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 The Bandsman's Daughter a wealthy couple to take on one of its unwanted babies. With Amhony Bate, Geoffrey Chater, Penelope Horner. 11.05 File on 4. 11.55 File on 4. 11.50 A Certain Style. 12.00 News. 12.02 pm You and Yours. 10.40 Platform One: Richard Kershaw interviews Sir Hugh Casson, President of the Royal Academy. 1.00 The World at One, 1.40 The Archers. 2.00 News. 11.10 News headlines.

9.60 News: with Kennerh Kandall

11.12 Count Dracula: pert 2 of Gerald Savory's three-part adaptation of the man horror story. With Louis Jordan as the count. 2.00 Noman's Hour. 2.02 Woman's Hour. 3.00 News. 3.02 Listen with Mother. 3.15 Play: In-flight Reunion, Christopher Jones. 12.05 am Weather.

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10.55 News and weather.
11.10 The Old Grey Whistle Test:
Highlights of the concert given at
the Wembley Conference Centre

the Wembley Conference Centre earlier this year by Mike Oldfield, 10 rock musiciaus, 11 members of the Queen's College Girls' Choir, and an orchestra of 50 conducted by David Bedford.

12.05 am Close down: Martin Seymour-Smith's poem What Schoolmatters Say, read by David Markham.

4.15 Project UFO: the mysterious thing that chases two men down a 5.15 Mr and Mrs: Derek Batey and his matrimonial quiz game. 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.25 Crossroads: morel series.

7.00 Tommy Steele's Quincy's Quest: Spectacular musical fable set in a toy store at Christmas time (see Personal Choice). 8.30 The Jim Davidson Show: Comedy half-hour (r).

9.00 Fallen Hero: Last part of this serial about a former Rugby League player. Tonight, his stepson is accused of murder and he offers to pay for the defence.

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10.00 News.

10.30 A Farnous Journey: Kenneth Griffiths, actor and historical researcher of high repute, goes to the Holy Land, in the steps of the Three Wise Men. He calls the result an agnostic's view of the life of lesus. 11.30 Late Night Elkie: Songs from Elkie Brooks, with the Humphrey Lyttleton band.

12.00 What the Papers Say: News review by Bill Tidy, carroonist. 12.15 am Close: Another reading, by Andrew Cruickshank, from Through the Year with J. B. Phillips.

RADIO

Radio 3 6.55 am Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records: Weber, Beethoven, Mozart.†

8.00 News.
8.05 Records: Elgar, Milhaud, Dohnarvi.†

Star Sound St Dohnanyi.† 9.00 News.

9.05 J. C. Bach.† 9.45 Part-songs: Ramsey, Elgar, Gardner.† 10.25 French baroque music: Bois-10.25 French baroque music; bois-mortier, Duphly, Sr Colombe, de Visée, Marais.† 11.25 Flute and piano: Szabo, Maruz, Ferneyhough, Kocsar, Hel-lewell.† 12.10 pm Polish Chamber Orch/ Maksymiuk: Tchaikovsky, Bach.†

1.00 News. 1.05 PCO: Mozart (including Vin-lin Concerto K219—Szeryng).† 1.55 Musical play: Frederica, hased on Lehar.† 3.45 Clarinet (Hacker) and string quartet: Haydn, Blake.† 4.40 Interval reading. 4.15 Any Answers?
4.45 Story: Quids in for Christmas. 4.45 Clarinet quintet: Brahms.+

5.00 PM. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News. 6.30 Lord Peter Wimsey: Strong 5.25 Homeward Bound.+ 5.45 News. 5.50 Homeward Bound.† 6.15 At Home.† 7.15 Aalking about Music.†

Poison.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Time for Verse.
7.30 Carols from the Phil (Liverpool) pt 1.†
8.15 John Wells (3).
8.35 Carols from the Phil, pt II.†
8.0 Paleidescope. 7.45 Records: Greig.+ 8.00 Play: A Doll's House, by Ibsen (McKellen, Gough).† 10.20 Building a Library: Mendels-sohn (Violin Concerto).† 10.55 Music in Our Time: Muldow-ncy, Knussen. Maxwell Davies (Ave maris stella).† 9.30 Kaleidoscope 10.00 The World Tonight. 11.00 A Book at Bedtime. 11.15 Financial World Tonight. 11.55-12.00 News. 30 Today in Parliament. 00 News.

Radio 2 12.15-12.23 am Weather.

5.00 am News, weather. 5.03 Steve Jones.† 7.32 Ray Moore.† 10.03 Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm Waggoners' Walk. 12.30 Pete Murray.† 2.15 David Hamilton.† 4.15 Much More music.† 5.00 News. 5.05 Waggoners' Walk. 5.20 John Dunn.† 7.50 am Regional news, weather.
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11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Helping

6.40 Party Political Broadcast (Labour), 6.45 Sports Desk. 7. Country Club. 7 9.02 Folkweave. 7 9.35 Sports Desk. 10.02 Peter Goodwright 10.30 Star Sound

Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2. 6.00 Daye Lee Travis. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.31 Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm Andy Peebles. 4.31 Paul Gambaccini. 7.00 Talkabout. 8.00 Mike Read. 9.50 Newsbeat. 10.00 John Peel.† 12.00-5.00 am As Radio 2. VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5,00 am With Radio 2, 10,00 pm With Radio 1, 12,00-5,00 am With Radio

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BOREHAM.—On 16th December, 1979, 15 Karen (nee Miller) and Simon—a son (Oliver Lloyd Lamobell). Simon—a son (Oliver Lloyd Lampbell).

BREEZE.—On December 11th, in Edinburgh, to Tony and Pam, a daughter (Victoria Lucy).

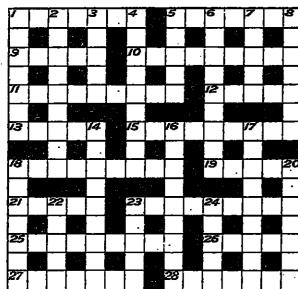
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DE STE. CROIX.—On December 18th, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, to Sally nee Courable, and Philip—a son (James Alexander). Alexander; On December 13th, at the Wedbeth Clinic, to Nadine ince Gucomazzi and Philip—a daughter Eledic; EARLE—On December 15th, to Ronald and Terry, a daughter Hazel Emily!

FRANKLIN.—On 26th November, 10 Gillah 'ne Ward and Dennis—a son 'Roger James'.

Hossis.—On November 15th, to Eva 'nee Brook-Parridge; and Wichael — a son 'Edmund Frederick Albeistan'.

HOOLE.—On December 17th, at Pembur; Hospital, to Jane 'nee Copeman, and Peter, twin daughters 'Resemary, and Leonora'. The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15,103



10 Phase out inferior-showing 8 Whereby unsightly features no form (9).

11 Old gold coin points to 14 Deficit implying long winter in New York? (9). quality of its metal (9). Not much of a score (5). 13 Beams once say for revealing photographs (14).
 15 Defence is the business of the world (9).

23 Loyal copper, Shakespeare's 24 How to fall being fat (5). ghost so called (9). 25 Feeling somewhat melo-

dramptic (9). 26 Extreme in useful training Solution of Puzzle No 15,102

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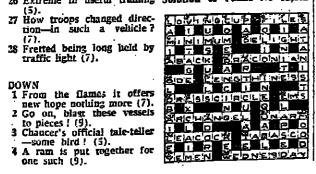
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10 Phase out inferior—showing (5).

16 Smuggler from Bow Street
—an odd one (3-6).
17 Chicken from the Garden of England (9).
18 Workman observed making

18 Shapes might soar in this statistical picture (9).
19 Times this tiger need not scare you (5).
21 Omar's Bowl set hetween Eve and Aurora (5).
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HORSMAN.—On 18 Documber, at Greenwich District Hospital, to Elizabeth (neo Kere) and Richard — doughter (Katherine) James.

KER.—On Documber 18th, at the Westminster Hospital, to Alexadra and Davide—e son.

KORNICKI.—On 18th Documber, to Lopel and Richard—a daughter (Deo Gratias).

LAME.—To Valeris and Christopher and Eminarade, on 18th December, 1979, at 5t Thomas Hospital—Ehizabeth Jane.

MAGOWAN.—On December 18th et Queen Chariotie's Hospital, to Caroli (neo Wiso) and Robin—a girl (Sammanha Anne).

MORTIMER.—On Dec. 16th to Rosemary and Peter—a daughter (Caroline), a mister for Ansered and Emoline, and Robin—a girl (Sammanha Anne).

OSBORNE—On December 19th at St. Alban's City Hospital, to Joyce and Peter—a gon (Peter Nicabass). St. Alfan s Cap and Peter Nicholas:

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RAWLES.—On 18th December, at the Queen Mothers Hospital.

Glasgow, to Alison (nee Adams) and Stephen—a staughter Marianna Jane), a sister for Dichard Janes Janes. Marianna Jane), a sistur for Richard.

ROBGERS.—On 18th Derenber.

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In Paris, to Marie Agathe Rouette and Piers Rodgors.—2 son.

SMYTH-PIGOTT.—On December.

18th at BMH Handver. to Lynne tone Foxton; and Ruscombe—4 daughter.

WOOLF.—On 16th December. 1979.

at 27 Weibeck St., to Rita Parr (nee Shina) and Edward.—4 daughter (Goo Rachelle).

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